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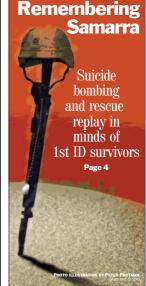
# Car bombs kill 21 at **U.S.-Iraq HQ gates**

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Astronaut Brian Binnie rides on SpaceShipOne after his suborbital flight to win the Ansari X Prize in Mojave, Calif., o Monday. The \$10 million prize goes to the first team to launch the weight equivalent of three



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## ws Tracker ... What's new with old news

#### States

Mount St. Helens: Mount St. Helens belched more steam Monday following several days of trem-ors and low-level earthquakes that have raised fears that the mountain

might blow at any moment. It was not immediately clear how large Monday's emission was, or whether it contained ash, but U.S. Geological Survey geolo gist Willie Scott said any ash would fall mostly in the crater and not threaten any struc-

The steam burst blanketed the top of the mountain in a white cloud and followed a similar blast and 20-minute tremor late Sun-

A drumbeat of earthquakes since a plume of steam was released on Friday indicated that pressure was mounting within the mountain. Geological Survey crews also ob-served a shift in the crater floor and on part of the 1,000-foot lava dome that essentially serves as a plug for magma, he said

Sniper victims memorial: Montgomery County, Md., officials unveiled Friday the Reflection Terrace, a memorial to those who died in the October 2002 sniper shoot-

County Executive Douglas Duncan, who led the drive to create the memorial, told an audience of about 200 that the snipers' three-week rampage was also "a time when we saw the strength of the human spirit," in how the community responded. He said that the community would reflect, with the families of the victims, "here, in this place, in hopes of creating a better and more peace-

West Nile virus: A wild sparrow captured at Kahului Airport on Maui has tested positive for West Nile virus, the first indication that the mosquito-borne disease has made it to Hawaii

If the initial test results prove accurate. then Hawaii's birds, "already suffering from avian malaria and avian poxvirus, will face the onslaught of West Nile virus," said David Duffy, a professor of ecology at the University of Hawaii, writing on a scientific listsery that tracks the disease West Nile infects hirds humans and other

animals and is transmitted by mosquitoes. It made its U.S. debut in 1999 in the Bronx, N.Y., and has made its way farther West each year. Only Hawaii and Alaska had remained untouched as of late this summer.

#### World

Indonesian election: Voters gave former Gen. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono a landslide victory in Indonesia's first direct presidential election after he pledged to fight terror and fix the battered economy, according to official results announced Monday The U.S-educated



kets and foreign governments will be eager to see how he intends to tackle the many problems facing the world's most populous Muslim The official results of

the Sept. 20 election showed Yudhoyono with 60.62 percent of the vote, ahead of Megawati Sukarnoputri's 39.38 percent. A total of 115 million people

Hungarian politics: Cabinet ministers of newly elected Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany were sworn in Monday as part of his push to raise living standards and apply "truly Social Democratic" values to Hungary. Gyurcsany — elected last week by law-



Gaza campaign: An Israeli tank returns Monday from inside the Gaza Strip at a staging area next to Kibbutz Mefalsim along the northern border of the Gaza Strip. Continuing violence in Gaza on Monday killed at least seven Palestinians, according to the army and local officials, bringing the number of Palestinians killed during the six-day-old operation to 65. Three Israelis were killed during the fighting and two others were killed Wednesday in a rocket attack on Sderot

makers in a 197-12 vote -- named seven new ministers and kept 10 of those who served under his predecessor. Peter Medgyessy.

India attacks: Suspected separatist rebels attacked sleeping villagers in northeastern India on Monday, killing six in a third day of explosions and gun attacks that have left at least 63 people dead in India's insurgency-hit northeast.

Seven people were wounded when the militants opened fire with machine guns on families in Gelapukhuri, a village 130 miles north of Gauhati, the capital of Assam state, said police officer P. Baruah.

Barnah blamed the National Democratic Front of Boroland for the latest of at least 18 bombings and shootings in Nagaland and Assam states since Saturday

Blair at work: Tony Blair returned to work Monday after an operation to correct an irregular heartbeat, as speculation continued about how long he will remain prime minister

Blair's Downing Street office said he looked "fresh and alert" as he faced a full diary, including talks with government officials before a meeting Monday afternoon with aid agencies ahead of his departure on

Tuesday for a three-day visit to Africa. Blair, 51, spent the weekend working on government papers at Chequers, his official country residence north of London.

Thailand bird flu: A 9-year-old girl died of bird flu in northern Thailand, raising the country's death toll from the virus to 11, a Health Ministry official said Monday

The death of Kanda Srilueng-On brought the region's human death toll from bird flu to 31, including 20 in Vietnam. The disease has also ravaged poultry stocks across Asia, and more than 100 million chickens and other poultry have been killed by the disease or culled since it spread through much of the region early this year.

Ethiopian famine: At least 4 million Ethiopians would die each year without food aid, a British aid group said Monday, marking 20 years since a devastating famine killed more than half a million people in the impoverished country.

Now, foreign aid should focus on lifting this nation of 70 million out of poverty, rather than just keeping people alive with food handouts, the Save the Children aid group

"Millions of people in the historically famine-prone northeastern highlands are worse off and more vulnerable than ever. said Mike Aaronson, head of the group. Donor countries must inject more investments in education and health care in a bid to help the country break out of poverty, he said.

Spanish-French arrests: Spain vowed Monday to crush the Basque separatist group ETA following the arrest of its alleged leader and seizure of a vast weapons arsenal in raids in France described as virtu-

ally decapitating the organization.

Interior Minister Jose Antonio Alonso called Sunday's arrests of the suspected leader, his female companion and 19 other suspects "an extremely hard blow to the terrorist gang

Spain's previous conservative government had said ETA was on its last legs fol-lowing the arrests of nearly 200 members over the past few years. But the weapons and explosives seized in Sunday's raids showed ETA was still very capable of attacking. Alonso said.

Turkey's EU bid: Turkey's prime minister denounced the idea of referendums on his country's European Union membership, arin an interview published Monday that other EU nations would be showing "double standards" by putting the issue to a

Recep Tayyip Erdogan's comments came three days after French President Jacques Chirac said his country would decide in a referendum whether it wants Turkey to join the EU, a potential blow to the Muslim-maiority nation's bid. "Until now, a referendum was applied to no other country seeking membership," Erdogan told the German daily Die Welt.

#### Rueinace

Vioxx lawsuit: A Missouri woman has sued the maker of arthritis drug Vioxx over

the 2002 death of her daughter.

The suit filed Friday by Caroline Nevels of Lexington came a day after Merck & Co. pulled the medication from shelves over fears users faced increased risk of heart attack and stroke

Nevels says her 34-year-old daughter, Shelly South, took Vioxx for 2 ½ years be-fore dying of a heart attack in November 2002. She claims Merck knew of the risks of Vioxx long before its announcement Thurs-

# Bombs explode near U.S.-Iraqi HQ; 21 killed

BY SINAN SALAHEDDIN

BAGHDAD — Insurgents exploded two car bombs at the gates of the main U.S.-Iraqi headquarters in Baghdad and near major hotels Monday, killing at least 21 people and wounding 96. In Fallujah, U.S. warplanes struck what the military called terror hideouts, killing 11, according to doctors who said women and children were among the dead.

The two car bombs ripped through central Baghdad streets about an hour apart. Two more vehicle bombs went off the northern city of Mosul, killing three peo-

pile. The attacks were the latest in the insurgents' swelling campaign of vehicle blasts. In September, militants carried out at least number in any month since the Americans invaded in March 2003. Some of the near-daily explosions have caused only injuries, but others wreaked devastation, such as a series of vehicle blasts on Thursday that killed 35

children and seven adults.
Insurgents have also stepped
up their strategy of kidnappings
aimed at driving U.S. allies out of
the country. Militants on Monday
claimed to have killed a Turk and
an Iraqi businessman abducted in
late August, calling them spies.
The family of the businessman, a
longtime resident of Italy, said
the Italian government had confirmed the man's death.

Other militants freed two Indonesian women whose abduction was reported last week.

In Monday's first blast in Baghdad, a four-wheel-drive vehicle packed with explosives detonated outside the heavily fortified Green Zone, the seat of the U.S. Embassy and key Iraqi government offices, Interior Ministry spokesman Col. Adnan Abdul-Rahman said.



Children collect metal from the site of a car bomb in Baghdad on Monday. The bomb was one of two that ripped through central Baghdad streets about an hour apart Monday morning. Two more vehicle bombs went off in the northern city of Mosul, killing three people.

Yarmouk Hospital received 15 bodies and 81 wounded from the explosion, said Sabah Aboud, the facility's chief registration offi-

The blast went off at 8:45 a.m. near a checkpoint at the western entrance to the complex, said Maj. Phil Smith, a spokesman for the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division. No coalition forces were hurt in either of Monday's blasts, Smith said.

The blast was also near a recruitment center for Iraqi security forces. Such centers have frequently been targets for bomb-

"I was thrown 10 yards away and hit the wall," said Wissam Mohammed, 30, who was visiting the center. He lay in a bed at Yarmouk Hospital, his right hand broken, his head wrapped in bandages and his clothes stained with

The second car bomb exploded at 9:45 a.m., targeting a convoy of four-wheel drive vehicles leaving a complex of major hotels where foreign contractors and journalists reside.

At least six people were killed and 15 wounded, said Tahsin al-Freiji of the U.S.-trained Facility Protection Service, which guards major installations in the

À pickup truck loaded with dates exploded as it plowed into the three-vehicle convoy as they emerged from a parking area shared by several major hotels, al-Freiji said, speaking at the scene. One of the three vehicles in the convoy was destroyed, and shrapnel hit the nearby Palestine and Baebdad hotels. Minutes later, gunmen began shooting from the rooftops and police returned fire, said Tahsin al-Kaabi, another FPS member.

The pickup truck carrying the explosives was ripped in half, with one part left dangling from a shop sign on the opposite side of the street.

At least five other cars were charred, including one of the targeted vehicles, which had a burned body left sitting in the front passenger seat. Another man was thrown against a garage wall, his body crumpled in the street. A head and other body parts were strewn in the road amid shards of elass.

The blast ripped through a passing minibus carrying commuters, killing the driver. "I saw his body torn apart," said Razaq Hadi, 36, a passenger in the bus who who

was covered in the driver's blood. Hadi said seven seriously wounded passengers were taken out through the bus windows.

Two car bombs also exploded Monday in Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad. One blast killed two people believed to be transporting the explosives and a civilian bystander, said Capt. Angela Bowman, a military spokeswoman. Hospital officials said they treated 11 wounded in the blast.

The second bomb targeted a U.S. Army convoy, injuring one American soldier, Bowman said.

In Baqouba, a police commander was assassinated in an early morning drive-by shooting by unknown gunmen, police said.

Insurgents also fired mortar rounds at Baqouba's municipal building, killing one person and wounding seven in the city 35 miles northeast of Baghdad.

In Baghdad, gunmen killed a senior official of Iraq's Sciences and Technology Ministry and a female employee, Abdul-Rahman

In rebel-held Fallujah, American warplanes unleashed strikes on two houses early Monday, killing at least 11 people, hospital officials said.

The military, which regularly accuses hospitals of inflating casualty figures, said the strikes targeted followers of Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and their associates.

A strike in the central Jumhuriyah arak filled nine people, including three women and four children, said Dr. Adil Khamis of Fallujah General Hospital. Twelve were injured, including six women and three children, he said. They include residents of neighboring houses that were damaged in the blast. A second strike in the city's

southern Shuhada neighborhood killed two more people, Khamis said.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Pres.

As of Friday, 1,055 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according the Defense Department. Of those, 801 died as a result of hostile action and 254 died of non-hostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British milifary has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraime, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each. Since May 1, 2003, when Pres-

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 917 U.S. military members have died — 692 as a result of hostile action and 225 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Friday. There was no update provided over the weekend.

The latest deaths reported by the military: Two U.S. soldiers were killed by gunfire at a checkpoint in Baghdad on Sunday.

The latest identifications reported by the Department of De-

fense:
■ Army Staff Sgt. Mike A.
Dennie, 31, Fayetteville, N.C.,
died Wednesday in Balad, Iraq,
from injuries sustained on Sept.
22 in Baghdad in a vehicle rollover; assigned to the 106th Fi-

nance Battalion; Kitzingen, Ger-

many.

Army Spc. Rodney A.
Jones, 21, Philadelphia, died
Thursday in Baghdad, tras
when a car bomb exploded near
his dismounted patrol; assigned
to 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry
Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division;
Fort Hood, Texas.

■ Army Spc. Allen Nolan, 38, Marietta, Ohio, died Thursday at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, of injuries sustained on Sept. 18 Balad, Iraq, when his convoy vehicle struck an explosive; assigned to the Army Reserve's 660th Transportation Company; Zanesville, Ohio.

# Sept. is 2nd-deadliest month for U.S. forces

By ROBERT BURNS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — September was the second-deadliest month of the year for U.S. forces in Iraq and brought to nearly 500 the number who have died since the insurgency escalated in late March

The Pentagon announced Sunday evening that two soldiers died late last week of injuries suffered earlier in the month, and another was killed Sept. 30 by a roadside bomb. That brought the month's death toll to 80, up from 65 in August and equal to the 80 who died in May.

The worst month of the year for U.S. troops in Iraq was April when 135 died in a wave of insurgent attacks. Some had hoped the violence would decrease after an

interim Iraqi government was given sovereignty June 28, but the death toll has risen steadily since then.

Forty-two U.S. military deaths were recorded in June and 54 in July.

In remarks Monday to the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the U.S. military death foll since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, exceeds 1,000. He did not specify the number of deaths in Iraq, but said "it is in freedom's defense" that U.S. troops are fighting there as well as in Afghanistan.

"Amid the losses, the ugliness, the car bombings, the beheadings, the task is to remain steadfast," he said in remarks prepared for delivery. "Picture the kind of world we would have if the extremists were to prevail."

## 4 GIs charged in death

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Four soldiers were charged with murder Monday in the asphyxiation death of an Iraqi general during questioning in Iraq last fall.

Chief Warrant Officers Jefferson L. Williams and Lewis E. Welshofer Jr., Sgt. 1st Class William J. Sommer and Spc. Jerry L. Loper could get life in prison without parole if convicted in the Nov. 26 death of Maj. Gen. Abed Hamed Mowhoush, 57, in Qaim, Irao.

The Army has said Welshover was part of a two-person interrogation team that questioned Mowhoush. In May, the Army said the Iraqi general was asphyxiated by chest compression and smothering.

Mowhoush, a member of the Republican Guard's air defense branch, was captured in a raid in Qaim.

A U.S. military spokeswoman said at the time that Mowhoush was believed to have been financing attacks on U.S. forces.

From The Associated Press

# **Bombing at the barracks**

## Memories of July suicide blast and rescue live on in 1st ID forces who survived

Editor's Note: This is the second installment of a three-part se-

BY STEVE LIEWER Stars and Strines

s he lay on his cot, Staff heard the shouted warn-

An SUV packed with explosives was speeding toward his barracks

"I couldn't see through the door, but I knew something was coming," said Broner, 31. He heard it slam into the front

wall of the room. He jumped up and started scrambling over the cots of sleeping soldiers toward

"When the truck hit, it didn't blow right away. It was like a car crash." Broner said. "I was saying to myself, it didn't blow.

'And then it blew

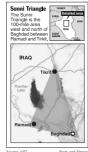
### Deadly awakening

Only a half hour earlier, Broner and most of the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry's mortar platoon was trying to catch some rest. They had just passed the halfway point of a 48-hour shift at the Iraqi National Guard headquarters in Samarra, a city of 200,000 essentially controlled by anti-American insurgents

was really hot," Broner, home in Germany, recalled a month later. "At that particular time, everybody was relaxing about. I'd just laid down on the cot

At 10 a.m., Spc. Kevin Terry. 22, and his battle buddy, Spc. Mat





thew Campbell, 21, of Seattle, had wrapped up a shift in the sandbagged guard post atop the headquarters building next to their barracks. Two hours of peering through binoculars into the streets of Samarra offered no clue of the hell to come.

"It was just a normal, boring day at ING," Campbell recalled

Campbell lay down on his cot. the second from the front door, and Terry curled up on the fourth one. Four other soldiers — Sgt. Robert E. Colvill, Jr., 31, Spc. William R. Emanuel, IV, 19, Pfc. Collier E. Barcus, 21, and Spc. R.C. Greene - slept around them near the front door

Terry fell fast asleep in the air-conditioned room. Campbell, uncharacteristically, couldn't sleep. Campbell had been outside not three minutes when the blast hit the building.

He was shaving in the mirror of a Humvee when he saw the white Iraqi police truck approach the entrance and the Iraqi guard pull open the concertina-wire gate

As soon as the gate parted, the driver hit the gas pedal, heading straight for the harracks where Campbell's platoon rested.

"I remember hearing the tires screech," he said. "He knew where we were sleeping.'

The truck quickly covered the 50 meters to the barracks and hit the low overhang in front of it. The blast came a few seconds later and knocked Campbell to the ground although he stood at least 100 feet away.

"My ears were ringing, my head was spinning," Campbell recalled. "I said 'What the (hell) was that?"

Inside on the front bunk, Fulsome had been eating a blueberry muffin. Spc. Damon Le, 19, and Broner lay silently on their cots. So did Spc. Joseph Garmback Jr., 24, of Cleveland and Spc. Sonny G. Sampler, 23, of Oklahoma City. When Sgt. Matthew Shepherd

raced through the front door

shouting a warning about the

homb some soldiers froze, others jumped and started to run Le, near the back of the room,

didn't have time to run. "I turned to my side, trying to get away as far as I could," he said. "It felt like a massive shock. It felt weird, like it would last forever. It was all orange.

From 25 feet away, Fulsome looked over his shoulder toward

"There was a kind of a flash and a lot of heat. The wall just completely disappeared," he said. "I felt like I was tumbling in all different directions."

As the dust settled, Fulsome found that, luckily, he had landed on top of the rubble. He looked around and saw Shepherd. They shouted at each other, but the blast had hurt their ears and made it difficult to hear. He sensed someone under-

neath him, though. It was Broner, velling at him to get off his leg. Fulsome tried to stand up, but he realized he couldn't walk. He

crawled across the rubble but didn't get far. Broner never heard the blast

But he felt two intense waves of

lifted him up in the air and the second pushed him toward the back of the room. He landfeet ed 20 away, with a

of ru and, or Ful-or course, Ful-some, 21 — on top of him. Le had been blown off his

bunk and felt the wall collapse around him. He was buried under rubble, but an Army cot somehow had landed above his head and kept the heavy con crete chunks from crushing

his skull "I tried to move, but my legs were stuck," he recalled. "My left leg was up to my chest. I couldn't breathe I screamed

## Rescuing the wounded

Outside Campbell nicked himself up off the ground, having suffered only a scrape on his hand Dirt and debris rained down around him, and he could smell explosives lingering in the air. He raced toward the barracks and ran into the part that hadn't col-

'I heard people yelling inside,' Campbell said. "I couldn't see (crap), so I ran back outside."

He ran back to the Humvee where Pfc. Travis Wright stood radio watch. He told Wright to call for a medevac helicopter

## **Remembering Samarra**

On July 8, a suicide bomber disquised as an Iraqi policeman drove an SUV packed with explosives onto an Iraqi National Guard base in Samarra. He crashed the car into the side of a concrete building housing U.S. Army troops and detonated the bomb

Five soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment died along with two Iragi soldiers. At least two dozen others suffered injuries during the blast and the ensuing daylong battle with Iraqi insurgents,

It is the deadliest attack against Germany-based 1st ID troops in Iraq since the Big Red One denloyed in February

Citing its heavy staff workload, the division's press office in Tikrit declined to answer Stars and Stripes queries about the attack But, with the help of 1-26 Infantry's rear detachment, five of the soldiers who survived the

blast and returned to Germany to recuperate agreed to tell what happened that day.

Here is their story



then hurried to the bomb crater. 'You're gonna be all right.' " Next he found some soldiers He saw the 150-pound Fulsome. whose ankle had been broken, tryhad uncovered Le's upper body

ing to crawl across the rubble. and were struggling to dig out his 'He said, 'I can't stand up.' so I legs. When they freed him, Campnicked him up and carried him hell carried him to the aid station out," said Campbell, who stands 6-foot-3 and weighs 195 pounds Still some of his friends lay bur-

ied. Under the rubble, Campbell said, he could hear Colvill, a former

who had joined the mortar platoon as a team leader in May, shouting for help. Campbell start-

ed tossing rocks off the nile above Colvill. "I said, 'Hey, we're coming!"
he said, but after a

few minutes the sergeant's cries stopped. Later he found Emanuel's

half-buried body under the rocks He could see only the legs, but he recognized the soldier's distinctive desert socks. He and two Company A soldiers pulled out Garmback, a close friend of

Campbell's, still alive. But Garmback, who had joined the Army to become a paratrooper like his Vietnam-veteran fastruggled to breathe. He died later in a medevac heliconter as it flew him to a trauma cen-

The injured men sat outside around the Humvees, the 120-degree heat adding to their misery. Temporarily deafened by the blast, they could barely talk among themselves.

"We were bleeding all over the place," like shit. Fulsome said. "We felt

So focused on the rescue ef-forts, the group at first paid little attention when insurgents started firing mortars and automatic weapons at the base.

Their hellish day was only start-

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shaving a few minutes before. His next trip into the rubble, he found Broner, dazed.

screech. He knew where we

were sleeping."

Campbell helped him over to the triage area near the Humvees. The mortar platoon's new commander, 1st Lt. Michael Gunther, had grabbed some medical bags and begun helping the injured. Gunther had previously been a medic, his soldiers said.

"He patched up just about ev-erybody that day," Campbell

By this time, some of the Company A soldiers from the back room, which wasn't as damaged, had scrambled out to help. Campbell returned to find Terry, his best friend, staggering through the debris. He half-carried him to

"(Terry's) face was all bloody. He was so hurt and dazed," Camp-bell said. "I kept telling him,

## MIDEAST NOTEBOOK

# **Pentagon program** blows man's mind

soldier on his way back to Baghdad after medical leave watched the Pentagon channel in a small air terminal in Kuwait last week.

The program was on troops patrolling Najaf, the Shiite city celebrated as home to the tomb of Shi'a's founder, Imam Ali. It's also been a nest of trouble for the Americans, due to radical cleric Muotada al-Sadr and his militia. After his forces endured weeks of pounding from U.S. troops, al-Sadr said he's ready to try democracy.

His supporters in Baghdad's Sadr City slum, however, continue to try to take on the Yanks. Either way, the transiting sol-

dier with new pins in his leg thought the American Forces Network footage was surreal. Children cheered and chased military Locals waved and

"That doesn't look like any pa-trols I've been on," the injured soldier said, shaking his head

#### A dud — or not

Troops flying home from leave on Omni Air International charter flights into the Middle East have been watching two movies on the way: "The Stepford Wives" and "Raising Helen.

While the first, a parody on 1950s-style domesticity, earned chuckles and [maybe] even nos-talgia from some of the men aboard, "Raising Helen" was dif-

In the film, three children lose their parents in a car accident and move in with their chic, party-girl aunt. Film critics yawned. They gave the flick about a "C." But the Kate Hudson movie hit GIs home in a way it couldn't touch reviewers.

When Hudson's character read a letter from her dead sister explaining why she had been chosen as the new mom over another sibling, soldiers' faces were locked onto the screens. Conversa-tion ceased. A granite-mugged, graying senior noncommissioned officer teared up. So did a female soldier who may have been a young mom herself. It was tough to find someone watching who didn't get misty.

It's a choice many troops have had to make themselves.

#### Lucy in the sky

Lucy the dog is dead The white-and-brown muzzled

canine who became an honorary member of the U.S. military detail guarding the Palestine and Sheraton hotels in Baghdad apparently had to be put down.

Stripes wrote about Lucy in December. She had so taken to troops with the 3rd Infantry Divi-sion and later the 1st Armored Division that she would, fangs bared, charge anything that approached their positioned Bradley fighting vehicles. She also sleeping under Abrams tanks. She was a soldier's furry

According to Saif, a 10-year-old who hangs out with troops at the checkpoint, Lucy lost it when she bore a new litter of pups a few months back. She started charging everyone, all the time

Here's, then, to remembering Lucy as she had been before:

"She's very nice, gentle; rolls on her stomach, very submissive to me and my soldiers," Staff Sgt. Sean Fox was quoted back in De-cember. The tank platoon ser-geant with the 1st AD called her "just a nice dog, a nice old dog. Ward Sanderson is in Baghdad and can be e-mailed at:

be e-mailed at: sandersonw@mail.estripes.osd.mil Seth Robson, who has returned to South Korea after two months in Ramadi, Iraq, can be reached at: robsons@pstripes.osd.mil

## Trial delayed by violence

## Court still lacks evidence, judges to try Saddam

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The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Putting Saddam Hussein on trial for war crimes is turning out to be a trial in itself. as escalating violence across Iraq make preparations harder and

It has become increasingly difficult to exhume mass graves, re-cover lost and looted documents, and guarantee the safety of judges, lawyers and witnesses.

Frightened judges have withdrawn their names from consider-

Officials are reluctant to identify the new director of the Iraqi Special Tribunal that will try Saddam and 11 of his top lieutenants And there's uncertainty whether witnesses will be brave enough to testify publicly against the men who once ruled their lives with an iron fist

There's no shortage of witnesses, Judge Dara Nor al-Din told The Associated Press, "But they have to be protected. Their names and pictures must not be published.

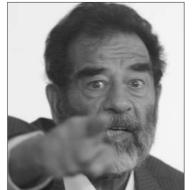
One fearful witness is Tarek 49, who was jailed, tortured and dismissed from the Iraqi air force in 1982. Now a trucker, he says he initially wanted to testify but has changed his mind.

"Saddam's people will kill me," said Tarek, a Shiite Muslim who asked that his full name not be

The law, drafted by Iraqi and American lawyers, allows for certain trial sessions to be held out of the public eye.

"There are legitimate reasons of security why they could be held in closed session - security of the general public and also the people in the court," said Hania Mufti, of New York-based Human Rights Watch

Saddam appeared in court July 1 to hear seven preliminary charg-es, including gassing the Kurds in



Saddam Hussein appears in a courtroom at Camp Victory, a forme Saddam palace on the outskirts of Baghdad in this photo released by the U.S. military in July. Putting Saddam Hussein on trial for war crimes is turning out to be a trial in itself, as escalating violence across Iraq makes preparations harder and riskier.

1988, invading Kuwait in 1990 and suppressing Kurdish and Shiite uprisings in 1991.

The Regime Crimes Liaison Office headed by Greg Keyhoe, a U.S. attorney appointed by the Justice Department, coordinates the evidence. But U.S. and Iraqi officials seem to differ over when Saddam's trial will begin, and over some legal issues.

A U.S. official involved with the tribunal all but dismissed interim Prime Minister Avad Allawi's prediction that the trial could start as early as this month

The official, speaking to reporters on condition of anonymity, did not rule out the possibility it may be a year or more before the trials begin, Allawi's deputy, Barham Saleh, acknowledged to the AP that it would take time to compile the case, because so many crimes have to be documented from Saddam's 35 years in power, and so many people wanted to file lawsuits against him.

However, the violence is delaying things. Mufti said as that of July only one mass grave had been exhumed out of many that have been found. "The big problem is ensuring the safety of foren-sic teams," she said.

Judge Nor al-Din, a member of the Iraqi National Assembly and not a candidate to serve in Saddam's trial, said it's hard to find qualified judges and that several ad withdrawn their candidacies because of security fears.

Saddam and others still don't have lawyers. Nor al-Din said 50 Iraqi lawyers have come forward but if not enough turn out to be qualified, the court will have to appoint attorneys for the defen-

Jordanian officials, insisting on anonymity, said the government was in touch with the Jordanian Embassy in Iraq on the lat-est hostage crisis and that other unspeci-

## **Netherlands court-martial**

ARNHEM, Netherlands - Dutch prose cutors on Monday asked a military tribunal to sentence a Dutch marine to six-months provisional jail time and 240 hours of community service for negligence in the fatal shooting of an Iraqi civilian. Sgt. Maj. Eric Overvoorde is the first

Dutch serviceman to face a court-martial since the Netherlands sent forces to south. ern Iraq in August 2003. His trial was concluding Monday after four days of hearings at a special military chamber in the eastern Dutch city Arnhem Prosecutors said they had proven Over-

voorde shot the Iraqi man in December 2003. The victim was among a group of Iragis gathered near a cargo container that had fallen from an American convoy and was under Dutch protection. According to court, testimony it contained cabinets.

Overvoorde testified that he fired two warning shots at a group of Iraqis he said were threatening the safety of the small of the shots apparently ricocheted off the ground and hit the Iraqi civilian.

## Location of hostage unknown

BAGHDAD - The British Embassy in Iraq said Monday it had no information about news reports that British hostage Kenneth Bigley has been handed over to another kidnapping group.

Bigley, an engineer, was kidnapped two weeks ago in Baghdad along with two American colleagues who have since been beheaded

The Tawhid and Jihad group, controlled by Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zargawi, claims to be holding him and has demanded the release of fe male prisoners in Iraq.

"We have no information that could confirm that Ken Bigley was handed over to another group in Iraq," said Victoria Whit-ford, the embassy spokeswoman.

The hostage's brother, Paul Bigley, told

BBC TV that he heard a claim reported in Kuwait's Al-Rai al-Aam newspaper that his brother had been transferred to a different set of kidnappers.

Paul Bigley said he hoped the new group holding his brother would make a ransom demand, instead of setting political conditions for his release.

## Kidnappers demand ransom

AMMAN, Jordan - Kidnappers of a Jordanian held in Iraq have demanded \$500,000 to set him free, reneging on an earlier promise to release the hostage if the company he worked for stopped doing business in the neighboring country, the employer said Monday.

Hisham Talab el-Aza, an administrator with the Jordan-based Starlite Co., disanpeared in Iraq. A video released Saturday showed Iraqi militants threatening to kill el-Aza unless his company left Iraq within 72 hours, the pan-Arab Al-Arabiya network reported

fied contacts had been initiated to secure the release of el-Aza, who has worked for the company in Iraq for six months. They declined to elaborate.

## International meeting on Iraq

ROME - Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini has proposed inviting radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, whose militias have been fighting U.S.-led forces in Iraq, if an international conference on Iraq is convened next month, an Italian newspaper said Monday.

The international conference might be held in Egypt at the end of November. Participants were expected to include Iraq and its neighbors, leading industrialized countries, China, the European Union, the United Nations, the Arab League and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

From The Associated Press

# **Boot-camp killer: Adenovirus rates rising**

## Pentagon's 1996 call to stop immunizations may have spurred once-contained virus' return

BY MICHAEL J. BERENS The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — More than three decades ago, the Pentagon created two pills to ward off a lethal virus infecting boot-camp recruits. But defense officials abandoned the program in 1996 as too expensive. Now recruits are dying, thousands are falling ill, and the military is desperately racing to bring back a vaccine it once owned.

A top Pentagon official called it "a major screw-up," hobbling U.S. efforts to rapidly deploy troops abroad.

The respiratory virus now infects up to 2,500 servicemembers monthly — a staggering 1 in 10 recruits — in the nation's eight basic-training centers, an analysis of military health-care records shows.

Since the oral vaccinations stopped, the flu-like germ, adenovirus, is associated with the deaths of at least six recruits, four within the past year, according to military records and internal reports obtained by The Seattle Times

In addition, hundreds of bed-ridden recruits miss critical training and have to be sent through boot camp again, at a cost of millions of dollars each year. Some are dismissed permanently with medical disabili-

The virus is expected to kill an additional six to 10 recruits before a vaccine is again available, according to a classified Defense Department briefing this year.

Defense Department briefing this year.

The virus can strike beyond military boundaries as well.

Six children of servicemembers in the Puget Sound area were diagnosed with the virus last winter, according to doctors at Madigan Army Medical Center near Tacoma. Wash.

Most people rebound from the infection within four days, but if untreated, it can quickly turn ferocious, with fever, sore throat and labored breathing leading to severe respiratory problems such as pneumonia and even death.

Adenovirus spreads by cough or touch, thrives in confined places such as overcrowded barracks, and targets those with weakened immune systems. Overstressed recruits, trying to get in shape and adapt to the military, turn out to be ideal incubators for the virus.

Nationally, the virus has killed more than two dozen civilian children and adults in outbreaks in medical facilities in Illinois, Louisiana, Iowa, Tennessee and New York, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports.

Military foot-dragging and high turn-



ATTLE TIMES/KRT

Karl Miller examines a culture in a test tube for the presence of a adenovirus in a lab at

over of procurement officers have caused the replacement vaccine to fall behind schedule, making pills unavailable until at least 2007, possibly 2009, military health-care records show.

Madigan Hospital at Fort Lewis near Tacoma, Wash.

Dr. Margaret Ryan, a commander at the Naval Health Research Center in San Diego and an expert on the virus, calls the vaccine lapse "indefensible."

Original vaccine manufacturer Wyeth Laboratories warned as early as 1984 that it would stop churning out pills costing \$1 each unless defense officials allocated \$5 million to repair a deteriorating production plant.

Wyeth executives shuttered the facility in 1996. A military health budget later gave a reason: "suppression of program to pay higher priority items."

The Pentagon's unwillingness to spend \$5 million on health care is now costing taxpayers tens of millions of dollars to remedy.

In September 2001, plagued by boot-camp outbreaks, defense officials finally agreed to spend \$35.4 million to devel-

op a new vaccine through Barr Laboratories of Forest, Va.

Shortly afterward, Assistant Secretary of Defense William Winkenwerder Jr. ordered vaccine efforts accelerated, according to transcripts of a Feb. 19, 2002, meeting at North Island Naval Air Station in San

Diego.

"This is one of the most disappointing facts and stories that I've learned upon coming into my position," he said. "I don't want to cast aspersions on anybody who had responsibility in the past, but to be blunt, this is a major screw-up." Some military officials questioned the need to continue the program to the program of the

Few vaccinations have proved as easy or free of adverse reactions.

Recruits swallow two off-white pills, which cause a mild intestinal infection that in turn creates protective antibodies

against the two most virulent strains, Type 4 and 7.

Although adenovirus thrives best in bar-

racks, the virus can prosper anywhere. Most people experience at least one attack by age 10 and recover in a few days. The germ is fatal in rare cases, particularly to children or those with weak immune systems.

The military began using the vaccine in 1971 after adenovirus blanketed military bases during the 1950s and '60s, killing an undisclosed number of troops. The vaccine essentially vanquished the germ, military studies show.

Later, doctors ruefully noted that a newer, younger cadre of Pentagon leaders failed to understand that the latent virus was controlled — not eliminated — and that it could escape once again if vaccine restraints were loosened.

Pentagon funds "were unavailable" for Wyeth in the mid-1990s so the company 'was forced to end vaccine production,' said Army epidemiologist Terrence Lee of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine at an April 2002 symposium.

Wyeth spokesman Douglas Petkus said the vaccine did not appear to have a "high priority" at the time. As vaccine production came to a halt in

As vaccine production came to a hart in 1996, vaccine stockpiles were rationed to extend partial protection for three more years, with the vaccine being dispensed only between September through March.

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After Wyeth's shutdown, defense officials scouted for a new manufacturer.
There were no bidders for a \$14 million
contract offer.

In the interim, the military pushed for better hygiene, such as hand washing, records show.

## U.S. missile defense system to be activated by year's end

By John J. Lumpkin The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The military is in the final stages of readying its national ballistic missile defense system, with officials predicting it will be activated before the end of the year. But several questions remain unresolved, including how well the experimental missile interceptors work.

The Pentagon maintains that any defense against ICBMs is better than none, but critics challenge that the Bush administration is vastly overselling an expensive, unproven defense system. There has been an expectation that the Bush administration will shortly declare to the world that the missile defense system is operational and on alert, but military officials said they know of no specific plans for such an announcement.

Such an announcement, however, would have both political and strategic value for the Bush administration.

To those who believe it will work, activating the system would fulfill a pledge by President Bush to have an operational missile defense system by the end of 2004. Such an announcement would also have greater value if it came before the Nov. 2

Bush has touted the system while campaigning for re-elec-

"We want to continue to perfect this system, so we say to those tyrants who believe they can blackmail America and the free world: you fire; we're going to shoot it down," he said in a stop at Ridley Park, Penn., on Aug. 17.

Military officials are less sanguine, stressing that the initial system will be modest and limited in capability, but will improve over

Critics of the system, such as Philip Coyle, the Pentagon's former chief of testing, say Bush is flat wrong. "Of course we don't have any capability to do that," he said. "For the president to sort of dare them [to fire missiles] is really misleading and even reckless."

Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry has said he would proceed more slowly with the missile defense system if elected, taking time for additional

testing.
Estimates vary widely on how much the program will cost over its lifetime, with some reaching \$100 billion or more. In 2004 and 2005, the Missile Defense Agency expects to spend a total of more

than \$10 billion.

Many of the doubts about the system, initially designed to pro-

tect the United States from an ICBM attack from North Korea and other possible threats in the western Pacific, arise from problems during high-profile tests.

In testing, which critics deride as highly scripted, the interceptors have gone five-for-eight when launched at target missiles. But two tests scheduled for this year have been delayed due to recently discovered technical problems. The next test is now scheduled for late November or early December.

The system, even when activated, will still be classified as an experimental testbed that can be used in a real-world crieic

## IN THE STATES

# High court rejects judge's 10 Commandments appeal

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court rejected an appeal Monday from an ousted Alabama judge who lost his job after defying a federal order to dismantle at Ten Commandments monument

Roy Moore has become a high-profile crusader for Ten Commandment monuments as a result of the dispute over his own 2½-ton granite display in the state courthouse

A federal judge ruled that Moore violated the Constitution's ban on government promotion of religion when he placed the monument in the rotunda of the judicial building in the middle of the might in 2001.

The display was moved last year over Moore's objections, and a state court removed him from office.

Moore's lawyers had called on the Supreme Court to "remedy this travesty of justice" and give him his job back. The high court declined, without comment.

The Alabama Court of the Judiciary found that Moore violated canons of judicial ethics when he refused the federal court's order to move the monument. Moore could try to win back a seat on the court in 2006 elections.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In other U.S. Supreme Court rulings Mon-

MasterCard and Visa no longer can block banks from issuing credit cards from competitors after the Supreme Court declined to hear their appeal Mon-

Banks that issued MasterCard and Visa credit cards had been barred from also offering credit cards from other companies, such as Discover and American

The Court declined Monday to consider another issue related to the rights of terrorism suspects — rejecting without comment an appeal by Ali Saleh Kahlab al-Marri, one of three people who have been held in America as enemy combatants without traditional leval rights.

The Bush administration maintains that al-Marri is an al-Qaida sleeper agent.

■ The Court turned away an appeal Monday by a media com-

■ The Court turned away an appeal Monday by a media company claiming it has a right to publish and sell real-time golf scores from PGA tournaments that its reporters cover.

■ The Court turned away an appeal by a Louisiana prison

journalist who argued that trying him four times on the same murder charges would be unconstitutional double jeopardy.

■The Court sidestepped a dispute over tribal gambling, a victory for California tribes and their new high-profile supporter, Gov. Arnold Schwarzeneger. Justices refused to consider whether states can let tribes orate casinos while barring others.

ers from this enterprise.

A lawyer's long-shot bid to challenge the U.S. detention of Saddam Hussein as unconstitutional failed Monday after the Supreme Court declined to grant special permission to hear

■ The Court refused to disturb a ruling that forces some California religious organizations to pay for workers' contraceptive health insurance benefits.

■ The Court declined to decide whether random drug testing of firefighters is constitutionally justified by a city's interest

in promoting public safety.

The Court turned away a challenge Monday to the federal do-not-call registry, ending telemarketers' bid to invoke free-speech arguments to get the popular ban on unwanted phone solicitations thrown out.

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Astronaut Brian Binnie opens a bottle of champaign Monday with Burt Rutan, left, and Richard Branson, as they celebrate Binnie's suborbital flight to win the Ansari X Prize in Mojave, Calif.

# Private spaceship wins \$10 million X Prize with flight

BY JOHN ANTCZAK The Associated Press

MOJAVE, Calif. — A stubby private rocket plane blasted through the Earth's atmosphere for a second time in a week on Monday, capturing a \$10 million prize meant to encourage space tourism.

A crowd of thousands of enthusiasts on the ground began celebrating as soon as unofficial reports said SpaceShipOne had climbed over 62 miles—generally considered to be the point where the Earth's atmosphere ends and space begins.

"This is the true frontier of transportation," said Marion C. Blakey, head of the Federal Aviation Administration, who stood near the runway. "It feels a little bit like Kitty Hawk must have." The rocket plane, funded by Mi-

crosoft co-founder Paul G. Allen, took off from a desert runway slung to the belly of a carrier plane. It was released at about 46,000 feet, and test pliot Brian Binnie fired its rockets to continue to the edge of space at three times the speed of sound.

The mother craft and chase

planes did flyovers for spectators before landing. SpaceShipOne returned about 90 minutes after leaving the ground.

"Let me say I thank God that I live in a country where this is possible," Binnie said after landing and receiving a hug of congratulations from his wife. "And I really mean that. There's no place on Earth that you can take this flag and take it up to space."

About an hour after it landed, X Prize founder Peter Diamandis announced that SpaceShipOne's team had claimed the prize, awarded for the first privately built, manned rocket ship to fly in space twice in a span of two weeks

Word of Binnie's accomplish-

ment was relayed from Mission Control to the two people aboard the international space station, astronaut Mike Fincke and cosmonaut Geopardy Padalka

naut Gennady Padalka.
"Fantastic," Fincke said, adding that it was great to learn that for a while Monday he and Gennady weren't "the only ones off the planet."

The choice of Binnie as Monday's pilot was kept secret until hours before the scheduled takeoff. Last week, SpaceShipOne rolled dozens of times with Michael Melvill at the wheel.

Melvill also flew the first flight by a private plane into space on June 21, and he was awarded the nation's first commercial astro-

naut wings by the FAA.

After a safety analysis, SpaceShipOne designer Burt Rutan
posted preliminary information
about last week's flight on his
Web site this weekend to address
what he called the "incorrect rumors" that have circulated.

The first roll occurred at a high speed, about Mach 2.7, but aero-dynamic loads on the spacecraft were low and decreasing rapidly "so the ship never saw any significant structural stresses," he said. Diamandis, who founded the X

Prize eight years ago, hoped it would have the same effect on space travel as the Orteig Prize had on air travel. Charles Lindbergh claimed that \$25,000 prize in 1927 after making his solo trans-Atlantic flight.

Major funding came from the Ansari family of Dallas. More than two dozen teams around the world were vying for the prize, but only SpaceShipOne has reached space.

Last week, Richard Branson, the British airline mogul and adventurer, announced that beginning in 2007, he will begin offering paying customers flights into space aboard rockets like the SpaceShipOne. He plans to call the service Virgin Galactic.

#### Students protests male enrollment

AURORA, N.Y. — More than a third of Wells College's all-female student body protested trustees' decision admit male students Sunday, sleeping in the lobby of the administration building or in the 15 tents set up on the lawn outside.

About 170 students protested for a second day after Saturday's decision to admit men to the 400-student school beginning next year.

Students in this Finger Lakes village will continue to protest until the board reverses its decision, said sophomore Rachel Crosbie. Opponents want to preserve the college's 136-year tradition as a school for women, and worry men may dominate the classroom if they are admitted.

College President Lisa Marsh Ryerson said she met with students Saturday and Sunday and told them Wells is committed to going coed.

From The Associated Press



# 'Psycho' actress Janet Leigh dead at 77

BY JOHN ROGERS The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Janet Leigh. the wholesome beauty whose shocking murder in the classic Alfred Hitchcock thriller "Psycho" was credited with making generations of film fans think twice about stepping into a motel room shower, has died. She was 77

The actress' husband, Robert Brandt, and her daughters, actresses Kelly Curtis and Jamie Lee Curtis [with actor Tony Curtisl were at their mother's side when she died Sunday at her Beverly Hills home, said Heidi Schaeffer, a spokeswoman for Jamie Lee Curtis

"She died peacefully at home," Schaeffer said Monday.

Leigh had suffered from vasculitis, an inflammation of the blood vessels, for the past year.

She enjoyed a long and distinguished career, appearing in such films as the 1962 political thriller "The Manchurian Candi date" and in Orson Welles' 1958 film noir classic "Touch of Evil."

But she gained her most lasting fame in "Psycho" as the embez office worker who is stabbed to death in the shower by





Left: Janet Leigh appears as Marion Crane in this file photo of the famous shower scene in Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 classic thriller "Psycho." Leigh died Sunday at age 77. Right: Leigh poses for a 2003 photo. Leigh is the mother of actresses Kelly Curtis and Jamie Lee Curtis, her children with actor Tony Curtis.

cross-dressing madman Anthony Perkins The role earned her an Oscar nomination as best support-

Hitchcock compiled the shower sequence in 70-odd takes of two and three seconds each, for which Leigh spent seven days in the shower. Rumors circulated that she was nude, but she wore a flesh-colored moleskin

Although tame by today's standards, the scene was shocking for the time for its brutality

Leigh wrote in her 1995 book Psycho: Behind the Scenes in the Classic Thriller" that the filming was easy until the last 20 seconds when she had to express total horror as her character was being slashed to death.

She often said she hadn't been able to take a shower since the movie. "It's not a hype, not something I thought would be good for publicity," she insisted. "Honest

to gosh it's true '

Leigh's entry into films oc-curred in cliché fashion. Born Jeanette Helen Morrison in Merced, Calif., on July 6, 1927. she was a college student when retired star Norma Shearer saw her photograph at a ski resort. Shearer recommended the teenager to talent agent Lew Wasserman, who negotiated a contract at MGM for \$50 a week.

Dubbed Janet Leigh, she starred in 1947 at 19 in her first movie, "The Romance of Rosy Ridge" opposite Van Johnson.

Among her many films: "Act of Violence" (with Van Heflin), "Lit-tle Women," "Strictly Dishonor-able" (Ezio Pinza), "Living It Up" (Martin and Lewis), "Jet Pilot" (John Wayne), "Bye Bye Birdie" (Dick Van Dyke).

Leigh had been married twice before coming to Hollywood: to John K. Carlyle, 1942, annulled; and Stanley Reames, 1946-1948, divorced. In 1951 she married Tony Curtis when their stardoms were at a peak.

They appeared in four films together, including "Houdini" and 'The Vikings." They divorced in

Associated Press writer Bob Thomas in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

## Diary, tip leads to trial in 29-year-old murder Man charged in 1975 death of girl, 14

BY THEO EMERY

The Associated Press

BOSTON - The clues that Robin Gilbert had been murseemed obvious: The 14-year-old's clothes were torn, her body had been dragged hundreds of yards and it was then left covered in brush.

Yet the medical examiner stunned many in the town of Reading by ruling in 1975 that Gilbert died from heart disease, not from being attacked. The case was closed for more than 20

An anonymous tip in 1996 led police to exhume and examine Gilbert's body and charge her former neighbor, David Allen Jones, with strangling the girl. Jury selection in Jones' murder trial was to start Monday.

"It's a strange case," said re tired Reading Police Chief Edward Marchand, who was a sergeant at the time of Gilbert's death

"I don't think there have been too many of them that have gone on that length of time without being solved.

On the night of July 1, 1975, Gilbert was watching a horror movie at home with a friend. With her parents asleep upstairs, Gilbert sneaked out in her socks for a cigarette at a nearby hangout spot on a golf course. She never returned.

The next morning, a man walking in the park found her body.

The state medical examiner ruled that she died of heart disease, a decision that dumbfounded police, Marchand said. Because of the difficulty of annealing such a ruling, it effectively shut the case, and her body was

Then, in 1996, police received an anonymous call that led police to the diary of Marjorie Jones, David Allen Jones' mother, who had died of cancer that year. Police will not give details, but say something in that diary led them to Marjorie Jones' son, who was 16 at the time of the killing

The Jones family lived down the street from the Gilberts, and the boy had been seen holding hands with Robin. Gilbert's sister said Jones called Robin at the house before she sneaked out. A few months after Robin's death, her sister returned to the house to find Jones there, and the two struggled before he left

Investigators interviewed dozens of witnesses and exhumed Gilbert's body in 1997. Her body was re-examined by another medical examiner, who found that her heart was not diseased and ruled the case a homicide.

Jones, who was married and working as a short order cook outside Atlanta, was arrested in 1997. He fought efforts to return



David Allen Jones stands at his 2000 arraignment in Middlesex District Court in Cambridge, Mass. Jury selection in Jones' murder trial started Monday on charges in the July 5, 1975. murder of former neighbor Robin Gilbert, 14.

to Massachusetts, and it took several years to have his case transferred from juvenile court. He was charged with murder in 2000 and pleaded innocent.

Eileen Agnes, who was Jones attorney at the time of his 2000 arraignment, did not return calls Sunday seeking comment.

Emily LaGrassa, a spokesman for Middlesex District Attorney Martha Coakley, said the case was "very unusual."

"We hope that this will be able to bring some closure for this family," she said. "It must be hard for them so many years later.

## Smoking by mothers may boost colic risk in babies

BY LINDSEY TANNER The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Mothers who smoke during or after pregnancy increase their babies' risk of developing colic, those vexing, inconsolable crying spells that affect up to 20 percent of U.S. babies in their first few months of life, researchers say.

The culprit, based on studies in adults, is likely nicotine. which increases blood levels of a gut protein involved in digeson, said Brown University epidemiologist Edmond Shenassa.

That may result in painful cramping that makes babies cry, he said.

Shenassa and Harvard University researcher Mary-Jean Brown reviewed several studies including six that involved more than 12,000 babies

The data suggest that compared with nonsmokers, mothers who smoke during pregnancy face about double the risk of having infants with colic. Shena-

Secondhand smoke narents and others who light un around the baby — also appears to increase the risk for colic, but nassa said more research is needed to sort out how much those factors increases the risk.

Smoking by mothers already has been linked with an increased risk for low hirthweight, sudden infant death syndrome and respiratory problems in infants.

"If, as we suspect, exposure

risk of colic, then this would provide additional incentives to par-

ents to abstain from smoking," the researchers said The report appears in the October edition of Pediatrics, pub-

lished Monday. Classic colic - crying spells occurring at least three hours daily, at least three times weekly, for at least three weeks tends to peak at two months and

gradually disappear by about

three or four months of age. Other research has suggested that some cases may be caused by an inability to properly digest milk proteins or fruit-juice sugars, though some scientists believe colic is normal behavior for some babies that may be exacerbated but not caused by out-

Shenassa said evidence of nicotine increasing levels of the protein motilin, which is involved in controlling intestinal activity, comes from studies of adult smokers

Dr. Ronald Barr, a University of British Columbia pediatrics professor who was not involved in the research, called the paper "a very nice review of the literature" and said it provides sound reasons "to suggest that smoking might be contributory."

But Barr noted that some of the reviewed data showed that a sizable number of babies born to nonsmokers had colic and he argued that smoking would not cause colic in infants who aren't already predisposed.

# **Cheney-Edwards debate pits old versus new**

BY JENNIFER LOVEN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Sandwiched between the higher-stakes presi

dential debates, this week's matchup between Sen. John Edwards and Vice President Dick Cheney pits the Democrats' chief of cheer against the Republicans shrewd and serious ond-in-command.

The presidential understudies meet Tuesday at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland for their only debate of the campaign. Their style and substance couldn't be more different, giving each plenty of material to try to undermine the other and have an impact, however small, on the national campaign.

At 51, Edwards is a boyish-looking Southerner holding his first elective office who relies on his skills as a former trial lawyer in gauzy campaign speeches and feel-vour-pain encounters with voters. At 63. Chenev is a balding Westerner with a long government resume who has embraced the vice presidential nominee's traditional attack-dog role with relish

On the issues

What increases, if any, do you favor in the \$5.15 per hour federal minimum wage?

#### President Bush



"My first goal is to make sure that every American who wants to work can find a job. I would consider any reasonable proposal that phases in an increase in the federal

minimum wage over an extended period of time provided it does not place unreasonable costs on small businesses or other job creators.



"As president, I will raise the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7 by 2007, giving a raise to nearly 15 million workers, Doesn't

high-wattage smile, emphasizes

minimum wage has fallen further and further behind the cost of living, and the impact of the last increase has been wiped away by inflation?

President Bush see that the

Cheney, with a no-nonsense delivery from the side of his mouth. focuses on the continuing danger from terrorist attacks as reason to keen President Bush at the nation's helm. Edwards, flashing a

his working-class roots in offering a can-do vision of a John Kerry presidency.

While vice presidential debates typically have little influence on the race overall, there could be extra interest in this faceoff given

vals, Cheney's status as one of the most powerful vice presidents in history and the intense criticism he has drawn from Democrats

Edwards' challenge is to rattle his opponent and try to feed the Democrats' characterization of the vice president as pulling Bush too far to the right. Edwards, with proven skill at lobbing sharp attacks without turning off the charm, can draw on more than two decades of courtroom practice at cajoling juries to side with personal injury complainants.

But he must avoid coming off as a young upstart who is disrespectful of an elder statesman. If the North Carolina senator goes over that line, he will play into the Republican argument that he lacks the gravitas and foreign policy experience for the job.

Cheney, who served as President Gerald Ford's chief of staff at age 34, spent five terms in Congress and served as secretary of defense during the 1991 Gulf War, will be hard to unnerve.

He could well face questions

about allegations of conflict of in terest that arose after Halliburton Co., which he once led, won no-bid contracts in Iraq. Other likely topics include his insis-tence that Saddam Hussein had ties to the al-Qaida terrorist network and that a Kerry victory would make the nation more vulnerable to a terrorist attack.

Experts say the caricature of Cheney is so extreme that people will be pleasantly surprised if he cracks a few dry witticisms and appears reasonable, as he did in a good-natured debate with Democratic vice presidential nominee Joe Lieberman in 2000.

"People have such a negative view of him, I like to joke that all he has to do is show up without horns," said Paul Light, professor of public service at New York University and author of a book on the vice presidency.

Edwards, who has never debated one-on-one, rarely gets defensive. But with a reputation honed in the multicandidate primary debates as the nice guy in the race, he could suffer if he doesn't effectively answer when attacked



President Bush signs the Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004 during an event Monday at the South Suburban YMCA in Des Moines Iowa. The legislation will extend three popular middle-class tax breaks.

## Bush extends tax breaks

BY DEB RIECHMANN The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa - President Bush signed his fourth tax cut in four years on Monday, extending three tax breaks popular with middle-class voters and reviving other tax incentives for businesses

Bush held the bill signing ceremony at a YMCA in Iowa, one of the most contested states in this year's presidential election with Democrat John Kerry and a state Bush lost by a razor-thin margin An estimated 94 million Ameri-

cans will be affected by the tax relief, which keeps three middle-class tax breaks from expiring Jan. 1 and renews others for businesses. The tax cut also will swell the deficit, which is at a record high.
"The law I sign this morning

comes at just the right time for America," Bush said.

The \$145.9 billion tax package that Congress passed last month

■ Keep the per-child tax credit at \$1,000 for five years.

- Continue to allow more of taxpayers' income to be taxed at 10 percent, the lowest rate, for six
- Retain for four years a provision giving married couples relief from the so-called marriage pen-

The individual taxpaver relief is estimated to cost \$131.4 billion in government revenue over the next decade. In addition, Republicans added provisions to extend 23 tax breaks for businesses that were set to expire. The biggest item in this group, which costs \$12.97 billion, is a tax credit to businesses for research and devel-

Kerry, who appears Tuesday in Tipton, Iowa, to discuss issues concerning middle-class Americans, backed the tax breaks in the Senate, saving they helped families being squeezed by a weak economy, falling incomes and rising health costs. But he has proposed rolling back the tax cuts for families making more than \$200,000 and using the savings to make health care and education more affordable

## Actor Fox joins Kerry in support of lifting ban on stem cell research

BY MARY DALRYMPLE The Associated Press

HAMPTON, N.H. Kerry said Monday that Presi-dent Bush has sacrificed hopes for disease cures offered by stem research to "extreme right-wing ideology."

The Democratic presidential candidate, with actor and activist Michael J. Fox, promised to fund more embryonic stem cell research with federal money if elected. A new campaign ad says it's time to "lift the political barriers" blocking the exploration of stem cell therapies.

"The hard truth is that when it comes to stem cell research, this president is making the wrong choice to sacrifice science for exright-wing ideology, Kerry said

Kerry criticized Bush's decision to prohibit federal funding for research on embryonic stem cell lines created after Aug. 9.

Some religious and conservative organizations oppose such research because days-old embryos are destroyed in the process.

Kerry called it "a far-reaching ban on federal funding for stem cell research, tying the hands of our scientists, driving some of them away from America."

Fox, who has Parkinson's disease, told voters gathered in a high school gym that Bush had "so restricted the stem cell lines available to us that it was kind of like he gave us a car and no gas and congratulated himself for giving us the car.'

The Bush-Cheney campaign said the president's decision represents a federal commitment to



Actor Michael J. Fox greets Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass, Monday after Kerry arrived at a town meeting on medical research at Winnacunnet High School in Portsmouth, N.H.

using the promise of stem cell research in an ethical way.

"Saying that the president's action banned stem cell research is false," said spokesman Steve Schmidt, "Stem cell research of any kind is perfectly legal."

Kerry promises \$100 million a year flowing into the research and strict ethical oversight.

The Massachusetts senator gets some of his biggest cheers at campaign rallies when he promises to fund more stem cell research, one aspect of a pledge to increase federal support of sci-

Ticking off a list of scientific and environmental issues - water quality, air quality, global warming, high-tech jobs - Kerry said the president repeatedly ig nores science and fact in favor of

"This underscores, in my judgment, the perils of having the president who turns his back on science in favor of ideology and as a result abandons millions of Americans' hopes," he said. Stem cell research got national

political attention this summer when President Reagan died after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease and his wife and son Ron urged the administration to lift the funding restrictions.

Stem cells are master cells that can turn into all the cells, tissues and organs in the human body. Scientists believe they hold promise for treating many diseas

## IN THE WORLD

# **U.S.** researchers win Nobel Prize

By MATT MOORE The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM. Sweden -- American re searchers Richard Axel and Linda B. Buck were awarded the 2004 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine on Monday for their efforts to better understand and explain how people can smell a lilac flower on a spring morning and still recall it years later.



the pair, the Nobel foundation said that the human sense of smell is what "helps us detect the qualities we regard as positive. A good wine or a sun-ripe wild strawberry activates a whole array of odorant receptors."

In its decision to honor

The work by Axel, 58, of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Co lumbia University in New York, and Buck, 57.

of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, discovered a family of about 1.000 genes that give rise to a huge variety of proteins that sense particular smells. These proteins are found in cells in the nose that communicate with the brain

"Therefore, we can consciously experience the smell of a lilac flower in the spring and recall this olfactory memory at other times," the foundation said in describing the research

Axel is professor of biochemistry and molecular biophysics and of pathology at Columbia University and specializes in how sensory information is received, filtered and understood by the brain. Buck, a member of the



U.S. National Academy of Sciences, has specialized in how mammals detect and differentiate odors and pheromones and how the brain translates and perceives them

Speaking on Swedish radio, Axel said he was honored by the award, adding he had never considered the possibility of winning it while doing his research.

"That's really marvelous," he said, "This is nothing I have been thinking about. I think about my science. Buck said she didn't know her work was

being considered for the prize "People have said things like, 'You should win the Nobel Prize,' " she said from her home. "I feel very honored, of course."

The medicine prize includes a check for 10 million kronor (\$1.3 million), and will confer on the pair an aura of prestige for the work

they jointly published in 1991. Nobel Assembly members told the AP that

the decision to give the pair the award was not in light of any medical or commercial payoffs, but rather to honor their exploration of one of the humanity's most profound senses.

Last year's prize winners were Briton Sir Peter Mansfield and American Paul C. Lauterbur for discoveries in the 1970s that led to the development of MRI, or magnetic resonance imaging, which is used by doctors to get a detailed look into their patients' bodies.

Like other past laureates, Mansfield and Lauterbur's discoveries took more than 30 years to be honored with a Nobel Prize, as the committee often waits decades to see if a discovery's implications are realized

For Axel and Buck to win 13 years after presenting their findings is rare, but not un-

"In this case, there was no reason to wait," said Goeran Hansson, chairman of the award committee for the Nobel Assembly.

"These discoveries have been confirmed and accepted." The award for medicine opens a week of

Nobel Prizes that culminates Oct. 11 with the economics prize. The peace prize, the only one bestowed in Oslo, Norway, will be an-nounced Oct. 8. The physics award will be announced Tuesday and the chemistry prize will be announced Wednesday in the Swedish capi-



An Asian tourist, left, asks his Cambodian guide questions while viewing photos of prisoners at the Khmer Rouge torture center of Toul Sleung in Phnom Penh. Cambodia. on Monday.

## Khmer Rouge leaders to face tribunals in Cambodia

BY KER MUNTHIT The Associated Press

PHNOM PENH. Cambodia -After seven years of delays, Camhodia's lawmakers on Monday anproved a U.N.-backed plan to put surviving Khmer Rouge leaders on trial for atrocities committed during the regime's murderous 1970s rule.

The unanimous vote of 107 lawmakers in the National Assembly backed the establishment of a tribunal of local and foreign judges and prosecutors, clearing a major hurdle toward finally bringing to iustice members of the regime blamed in the deaths of nearly 2 million people.

It was not immediately clear when proceedings would start. Monday's ratification still

needs the approval of Cambodia's Senate and head of state. Questions also remain about how the tribunal will be funded.

The deaths of some 1.7 million Cambodians from starvation, disease, overwork and execution are attributed to the radical communist Khmer Rouge, which ruled from 1975 to 1979

None of its top leaders have been brought to justice. Its chief, Pol Pot, died in 1998. Several se nior figures, aging and sick, still live freely in Cambodia.

Ta Mok, the former army chief, and Kaing Khek Iev, the chief interrogator, are the only two senior Khmer Rouge figures being detained awaiting trial.

U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Heide Bronke welcomed Monday's vote as a step toward bringing to justice those "most responsible for atrocities committed under the Khmer Rouge regime.

But considerable work remains to be done, specifically how to fund the tribunal's estimated \$57 million cost

## Nationalist parties lead Bosnian vote

BY SAMIR KRILIC The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Nationalist parties took the lead in weekend municipal elections in Bosnia, but moderate Serbs made inroads in some traditionally hard-line areas, according to preliminary results in a vote marked by disappointingly low turnout The results released Sunday by

the electoral commission gave no breakdown in percentages for each party. But they showed that nationalist Serb, Croat or Muslim parties won 99 of the 122 municipalities where counts were com-The vote for new councils and

mayors in a total of 142 municipalities was the first postwar elec-tion fully funded and organized by Bosnian authorities. It also was the first in which mayors of Bosnian cities were directly elected The generally strong national-

ist showing was dented by Serb moderates, who won 11 municipalities - some of which were previously loyal to the party of suspected war criminal Radovan Bosnia-Herzegovina has been

made up of two mini-states, the Muslim-Croat federation and the Serb republic, since the end of a 1992-95 war. Ballots from another 20 munici-

nalities and those mailed in were still to be counted Final official results were expected within a month.

The party of former Bosnian Serb Prime Minister Milorad Dodik held its lead in the largest Bosnian Serb city of Bania Luka

## Reformist leads Belgrade mayoral vote

A pro-Western reformist narrowly clinched the Belgrade mayor's race, while an ally of former President Slobodan Milosevic apparently won in another key city, according to official results from weekend runoff elections.

Nenad Bogdanovic, the Democratic Party candidate, garnered 50 percent of votes Sunday in Belgrade, while the Serbian Radical Party's Aleksandar Vucic received 48 percent, the capital's election commission said

Final official results were expected later Monday.

## New Slovenian leaders yow to stay pro-Western

A right-leaning party that won weekend elections promised Monday to maintain Slovenia's pro-Western course after taking power from the Liberal Democrats who led the former Yugoslav republic into the European Union and NATO.

Former Defense Minister Janez Jansa's Social Democratic Party seized about 29 percent of the vote in Sunday's nationwide parliamentary elections, 6 percentage points ahead of the Liberals, who had ruled Slovenia since its 1991 independence.

Jansa, 46, was expected to form a coalition government with his al-lies, the New Slovenia Party and the People's Party, giving them 45 deputies in the 90-seat parliament, according to unofficial results.

#### Opposition candidate leads Abkhazian election Opposition candidate Sergei Bagapsh led the presidential election in Abkhazia, where all candidates had vowed to maintain the

Black Sea region's de facto independence from Georgia, campaign officials said Monday, citing preliminary results. Final results were not expected until Tuesday, officials from the

region's Central Election Committee said. Abkhazia has run its own affairs and cultivated close ties with

Russia since 1993, when separatists drove out Georgian government troops. No country recognizes its independence, and Georgia insists it will re-establish control over the province.

and took a few other municipalities, where nationalists had ruled for more than a decade

The biggest election surprise ppeared to be the success of Dodik's party in Trebinje, where it won the race for mayor. The southeastern city has been controlled by the Serb Democratic Party, or SDS, founded by Karadzic, the former wartime leader of Bosnia's Serbs who is sought by the U.N. war crimes tri-

Karadzic has traditionally been a hero for most Bosnian

Serbs, who view his indictment for alleged war crimes as another example of victimization of their ethnic group Any inroads by Dodik's Alli-

ance of Independent Social Democrats could reflect a gradual turning away from the nationalists supporting Karadzic due to discontent with dismal living standards, stagnation and political corruption.

"Trebinje is the sensation of the elections," political analyst Peio Gasparevic said.

Karadzic's party also was significantly weakened two months ago, when Bosnia's top international official, Paddy Ashdown, fired more than 50 SDS officials from municipality to government level, accusing them of being part of a network of supporters that helps Karadzic evade jus-

The low turnout - 45 percent of the electorate, or 21 percent-age points less than in the last municipal elections held in 2000 – reflected general disenchantment with the political process

Unemployment in Bosnia hovers around 40 percent, and even those who do work don't receive their wages regularly.

The three main nationalist parties - the Party for Democratic Action a Muslim bloc: the Serb Democratic Party and the Croat Democratic Union — have been leading the country since 1990.

The non-nationalist Social Democratic Party won municipal and general elections four years ago in Muslim-dominated areas of the country. But the party failed to bring quick improvements, and disappointed voters returned to the nationalists in general elections two years later.

#### **Syria Cabinet changes**

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syrian President Bashar Assad replaced about one-third of his Cabinet on Monday, bringing new faces to the key interior and information

ministries. Ghazi Kenaan, Syria's top intelligence general in neighboring Lebanon until two years ago, was named interior minister — a post in charge of internal security. Mahdi Dakhlallah, a longtime journalist and editor-in-chief of the official Al-Baath newspaper, was made information minister.

The official Syrian Arab News Agency announced the shuffle. The portfolios of justice, health,

labor, industry, social affairs and religious affairs also changed hands. Farouk al-Sharaa, who has been foreign minister since 1984, retained the crucial portfolio.

Defense Minister Gen. Hassan Turkmany also kept the post he was appointed to by Assad in May, replacing the longtime defense minister Maj. Gen. Mustafa Tlass, who retired.

#### Ship capsizes, kills 17

TUNIS, Tunisia — A ship carrying dozens of illegal immigrants capsized off Tunisia, killing at least 17 people, the official news agency reported Monday. Another 47 were reported missing.

Rescue teams saved at least 11 people but many more were feared to have drowned, the TAP news agency said, without saying when the incident occurred.

Tunis Hebdo newspaper said the ship apparently sunk late Saturday or early Sunday.

The ship was headed to Italy with 70 Moroccans and five Tunisians on board when it sank an hour after leaving Chott Meriem 93 miles southeast of the Tunisian canital. Tunis.

Italy, meanwhile, planned to repatriate more illegal immigrants Monday, after hundreds of people arrived over the weekend on a tiny island off the coast of Sicily, officials said.

The immigrants would be sent back on C-130 military planes, said Michele Miosi, a coast guard official in Lampedusa, an island closer to Africa than to Italy.

#### Flight diverted to UK

LONDON — A Singapore Airlines passenger jet was diverted to Manchester Airport in northern England on Monday after a bomb threat, police said, adding that it may have been a hoax.

The Frankfurt to New York flight landed safely at 11 a.m. without a military escort, Greater Manchester Police said.

It was the fourth commercial service diverted as a security precaution in Europe in the last nine days.

One was diverted to Stansted airport north of London, while another was diverted to Shannon in western Ireland and a third to Ansterdam's Schiphol airport in the Netherlands. All three flights resumed their journeys after searches concluded there was no threat to security.

United Airlines, meanwhile, said Monday that one of its flights, diverted to Heathrow on Sunday for mechanical reasons, had been unable to resume its journey Monday for security reasons. Police said the aircraft was searched and given the all-clear.

# Storm death toll in Haiti nears 2,000

## 900 still missing, presumed dead

BY AMY BRACKEN

GONAIVES, Haiti — The toll of dead and missing people from floods unleashed by Tropical Storm Jeanne was well above 2,000, officials said Monday while aid workers planned more distributions of food to thousands of hungry and homeless survivors.

Officials were still trying to sort through tolls of bodies to determine the number of dead.

Late Sunday, civil protection agency spokesman Dieufort Deslorges said hundreds more bodies had been found, raising the death toll from 1,550 to 1,970. But Monday morning, he said an error was made in counting and it appeared the most accurate tally was about 300 lower.

Officials were still working on a firm number, he said.

"Some bodies were counted twice," Deslorges said. "There has been an increase in the death toll, however, and we will make the correction this morning."

The number of missing remained the same — about 900. They are presumed dead — washed out to sea or buried in de-

In Gonaives and surrounding areas, 1,557 bodies have been recovered and another 825 were missing and presumed dead, said Carl Murat Cantave, the city's civil protection agency chief.



A Haitian women walks to her home past debris and water left by Tropical Storm Jeanne nearly two weeks ago in Gonaives. Haiti.

At least 233 other people in the Gonaives area died from flood-related sicknesses or injuries, Cantave said. Figures for other parts of the country were not immediately available

An estimated 300,000 Haitians were left homeless, most in Gonaives, by the floods more than two weeks ago.

On Sunday, residents brought two emaciated men found semiconscious on the ground to a clinic run by Argentine U.N. peacekeepers. Doctors said it appeared the two had not eaten in several days and had psychological trauma — one because he lost relatives in the floods. U.S. Health and Human Servic-

u.s. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson stopped at the peacekeepers' clinic Sunday during a visit to Gona-

ic Sunday during a visit to Gonaives.

"There's no question we have to figure out how to rebuild Gonaives," Thompson said, adding that the effort also would create jobs. Last week, President Bush asked Congress for \$50 million for storm-hit Caribbean coun-

tries, about half planned for Haiti.

Before leaving, Thompson met
interim Prime Minister Gerard
Latortue and announced a donation of \$235,000 worth of antibiotics, syringes, latex gloves and
other medical supplies to restock

Gonaives' hospital.

## Blessing of the animals



Owner Joan Gazdig follows the service with her poodle, Sheba, on Sunday during the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi at the Festival Eucharist and Blessing of the Animals in London, Canada. Individuals attending the ceremony at the church were invited to bring their pets, which were blessed during the service.

## 650,000 Afghan refugees in Pakistan register to vote

BY MATTHEW PENNINGTON

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Within just four days, about 650,000 Afghan refugees in Pakistan have registered to vote in landmark presidential elections in their homeland on Oct. 9, organizers said Monday.

The International Organization for Migration said that according to its initial estimate, 25 percent of the registered voters were women.

The quick-fire registration campaign ended at 4 p.m. Monday after it was extended for one day to encourage more refugees to sign up for Afghanistan's first direct presidential election after two decades of war

About 100,000 people were estimated to have registered on Monday, in addition to the 550,000 who signed up on the previous three days, said IOM spokesman Darren Boisvert. He said confirmed figures would be available Tuesday.

Despite some threats against election staff and at least one act of arson at a registration center, organizers reported no major attacks. Inside Afehanistan. pro-Taliban rebels have been trying to sabotage the poll.

The IOM, which is organizing out-of-country voting by refugees in both Pakistan and Iran, had said it hoped 600,000 to 800,000 refugees in Pakistan would sign up. An estimated 400,000 refugees are expected to vote in Iran.

Pakistan Foreign Ministry spokesman Masood Khan said the refugee registration had been a "major success, despite all the logistical difficulties and short notice given for these elections."

Whereas voter registration inside Afghanistan was conducted over a period of months — resulting in 10.6 million people signing up — preparations for the out-of-country voting have been rushed because of lengthy negotiations among the host countries the United Nations and Afghani-

Afghan interim leader Hamid Karzai, who came to power after a U.S.-led coalition ousted the Taliban militia in late 2001, is expected to defeat his 17 challengers in the Oct. 9 election, and could win much of the refugee ovte, particularly among fellow Pashtun tribesmen staying in Pakistan.

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#### No to 'civilianizing' hospitals

"DOD plans to restaff its hospitals with civilians" reads the story in Stars and Stripes (Sept. 3) from the Washington Post. How many retirees and career mili tary cringe at this plan? Who among us believes that "what will not change is the quality and level of care provided," as was quoted from a Department of Defense snokesperson"?

First off, where will all the military medical and health care people be sent when their tour is over? I suspect that this might well mean that most of them completing overseas assignments will be reand go back to Reserve units - not on active duty at all. And, who will be doing the enomenal research and "invention" now being done in major part by uni-formed medical personnel with battle experience at such places as Wilford Hall, Walter Reed and Brooke Army medical centers? Will this be contracted out to orgaations lacking military experience

Most of us have or will look for a big, long-enduring military hospital to retire near. That will cease to be an attraction, I'd bet

I can easily imagine that the political ob-jective here is to "civilianize" the medical military career field positions in the United States so that all can eventually be contracted out. We're probably looking at a future dependency on the likes of a "Halli-burton Health" conglomerate. And we know how cost-effective those are and how concerned they are with the product rather than the profit.

And, I'd bet that a certain few military hospitals, like the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., where Congress gets its free medical care, don't get "civil-

It's about time for generals and admirals speak out about how the military intends to "take care of its own" — and not have that promise and duty contracted away

Robert D. Doleman Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany

### The 'right' to vote

My letter concerns a recent public service announcement on American Forces Network television encouraging soldiers to vote. The woman in the well-meaning announcement says, "the right to vote is one of the most important gifts our country gives its citizens." I have read and heard many such sentiments from various sources in recent days.

As a soldier sworn to uphold and defend the Constitution against all enemies, both foreign and domestic, I must point out a critical distinction: The rights of the people are given by God or nature, not by any government forbearance. James Madison, often called the father of the Constitution wrote, "In Europe, charters of liberty have been granted by power. America has set the example ... on charters of power grant-ed by liberty." Thomas Jefferson, in the Declaration of Independence wrote, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are en-

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dowed by their Creator with inherent and inalienable rights." And in later years he wrote, "Man [is] a rational animal, endowed by nature with rights...

Whether you believe liberty is a gift from God or a natural condition of mankind, it must be clear that our country founded on the principle of inherent indi-vidual liberty. No government can give or deny the rights of any person. Only people can surrender their rights through laziness, helplessness, cowardice or igno-Thomas Jefferson is commonly credited with saying, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." For this reason, we must be very careful about the attitudes conveyed by government officials and spokespeople I commend AFN for encouraging sol-

diers and their families to vote. We owe it to future generations to exercise our rights and never permit our government to for-get who is boss.

Spc. Christopher Abbey Wiesbaden, Germany

## Think before closing bases

I want all to remember that we should all be students of history before we begin to realign forces and close bases overseas. An isolationist attitude in pulling back behind the walls of "Fortress America" is not the way. Nevermind the wasted resources over the years of building up bases just to close them down (we are still improving bases now in danger of closure) and the ac tive-duty troops that were eliminated in the Cold War drawdown that we could use today in our struggle. Think, however, that whenever America tries to shrink back on itself, the results are disastrous.

U.S. troops were in Europe after World War I, but were brought home in conjunction with the isolationists' refusal to participate in the League of Nations. American troops could have prevented the Nazi nightmare as our leadership in the League could have prevented the international tragedies of the 1920s and '30s. Nevermind that the U.S. troops in Russia after WWI could have prevented the Cold War entirely if that could have effectively aided the "Whites" over the Reds.

The practice has been repeated with: the U.S. pullout of South Korea after World War II (only to return for the Korean War); leaving Iraq after the first Gulf War, abandoning our Afghan allies after the Russians left (the rise of the Taliban); closing down bases in the Philippines(now we're back again with Special Forces to hunt Muslim terrorists). That we never stationed forces in the Middle East with the permission of our ally the shah of Iran (Mohammad Reza Pahlavi) can now be seen as stupidity — it would have prevented the Iranian Revolution and our 444 days of shame We must think very closely about alien-

ating allies and jumping ship from foreign bases. The stakes are too high to build a wall around ourselves. Warrant Officer

Gerald F Kuruc Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

#### NFL airs at odd hours

I just finished reading the letter "We want our NFL" (Sept. 30), in which the writer asks for American Forces Network to broadcast more professional football. As the one who is in charge of morale, welfare and recreation here at Forward Operating Base Normandy, I am confused as to what AFN he was watching.

I watched many preseason and regular-season games on AFN. It has to be un-derstood by those who may not normally be stationed where they must rely on AFN for their sports that the games don't come on at the convenient times that we are used to in the States.

If you want your football you need to check the AFN schedule online and watch at sometimes inconvenient times, but you get your football. I watched the Cowbovs and the Redskins on the Monday night game played recently and enjoyed the game though I had to get up before 5 a.m. on Tuesday to watch the game live.

There were more than just 2.5 games shown during the first two weeks of the season. I know I posted the schedules after getting the game schedule from AFN on-

Chaplain (Capt.) Ric Brown FOB Normandy, Iraq

## Reservists can get credit

The writer of the letter "Army's redheaded stepchild," (Sept. 26) is misinformed when he says Army Reserve solders are not eligible to receive promotion points for Army e-learning courses.
According to IAW AR 140-158. Table

3-3 paragraph d (1): Promotion points for completion of military correspondence (extension) subcourses are as follows:

 (1) Determine the number of credit hours completed for subcourse, divide that number by 5 (1 point each for 5 credit hours.) The result is the number of promotion points.

This soldier needs to check with his company clerk to make sure that the courses he has taken are put on his DA Form 3355-1 for the next promotion board and dve his hair Sgt. 1st Class Rose Goldsmith

Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

## Doonesbury









## OPINION

## Candidates prefer their own environments

The Washington Post

About "the environment" as if it were a single, easily-defined were a single, easily-defined range quite widely, from climate change to muclear waste disposal to forest management. Nevertheless, it is possible to speak of environmental philosophies, and the two presidential candidates have, over long careers, shown that theirs are very different.

Certainly there is no doubt about President Bush's belief in the need to reduce environmental regulation to ease the con-straints on industries most affected by it Although the administration has made few dramatic changes, it has rewritten an extraordinary number of rules, for example, to allow older utilities to upgrade their facilities without adding pollution-control equipment; to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating carbon dioxide emissions, the most important source of "greenhouse gases"; to loosen the regulation of mercury emissions; to limit the amount of land that can be formally declared "wilderness"; to make logging easier in old-growth forests. The president him-self has flip-flopped, as his campaign would put it, on the question of the urgency of climate change, first expressing interest in the issue, then walking away from it then delaying discussion by proposing "furThe White House argues that its measures are merely corrective, an attempt to reverse extreme actions taken in the past. On clean-air issues, for example, officials say their goal is to create more reliable, predictable controls using market incentives, and to limit unpredictable lawsuits. But their enthusisam both for markets and for simplification — which we share — has not been matched by an equivalent enthusisam for making sure the air continues to get cleaner. That is why it has been so hard to take seriously their rhetoric about "clear skies."

By contrast, the record of Sen. John Kerry reflects a long and deep commitment to environmental regulation, although not necessarily a rigid or dogmatic one: In debating environmental votes with his staff and outsiders, he does talk about the need to balance environmental and economic concerns. Still, his voting record is one of the most pro-environmentalists in the Senate. He has voted repeatedly for measures that would enforce strict observance of the Clean Air and Clean Water acts as well as wilderness protection. He has more than once helped defeat bills that would allow oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Kerry's environmental positions cannot be described as unusually creative: He has generally backed the regulatory consen-



sus, which even supporters agree could usefully be updated. Yet that consensus has, over several decades, produced cleaner air and water, and preserved more wilderness. Simply rolling it back without replacing it would achieve nothing except a reversal of those gains. Far preferable

would be a president interested in modernizing environmental rules without abandoning their ultimate goal: a better environment.

This is one in a series of editorials comparing the records and programs of the presidential candidates on important issues. Others may be found at: www.washingtonpost.com/opinion.

## There's strength in numbers, but is there fairness?

BY MICHAEL O'HANLON

washINGTON

oes the United States need a higger military? The charged debate
over this question, with much of
Congress, including Sen. John
Kerry, on one side and the Bush administration on the other, has raged since the summer of 2003, when it became apparent that
the U.S. military was destined for a significant stay in Irac.

Over the past year, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has compromised somewhat, adding about 25,000 soldiers to the active-duty Army. That makes for roughly a 5 percent increase (Kerry would add 40,000 more troops.) But the Bush administration has resisted writing even its small increase into law — preferring to fund it with emergency war appropriations and to carry it out with "stop-loss" orders that prevent many soldiers from leaving the Army even when their tours of duty end.

Who is right, and where should we go from here? Any assessment must begin with several key facts:

■ No crisis in Army or Marine Corps recruiting and retention has developed, at least not yet. American military personnel are displaying remarkable perseverance, patriotism and commitment, and are signing up for service in generally adequate numbers.

■ That said, the Army National Guard was about 5,000 solders short of its 2004 re-cruiting goals, mostly because it failed miserably to attract former active-duty solderes into its ranks in the usual numbers. With an average of 15,000 Army National Guard waverage of 15,000 Army National Guard remains the second of the second solder of the sec

■ U.S. forces in Iraq still number about 140,000. That is almost equal to their peak number there in the spring of 2003; it is 25,000 more than last winter and at least three times the number Pentagon planners expected for this phase of the operation. The

Army, which is providing about 80 percent of the total, is making plans to keep its deployed strength near that level for several more years if necessary.

■ All of the Army's active-duty combat brigades were deployed overseas to a combat zone in 2003 or 2004, some of them twice. All will have to go back again. In fact, the average unit could have to deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan two more times in the next presidential term if the Army's current planning assumptions prove correct.

■Already, the 3rd Infantry Division, which constituted most of the left pincer of last year's invasion force, has received orders to return to Iraq this winter. The 1st Marine Division, which provided most of the right pincer, is, of course, already back in Iraq — soon to be relieved by the 2nd Marine Division, which in recent years has sent units to Afghanistan and Haiti.

■ The soldiers of the 2nd Brigade of the 2nd Infantry Division, who spent most of the past year in South Korea, are now to spend another year away from their families, in Iraq.

Taking all this together suggests that there is a crisis in today's ground forces — our a crisis of rainces rainer than numoers. We are, so far, able to sustain our deployments in Afghanistan and Iraq — but only by badly overworking our current contingents of soldiers and Marines. And ideas being considered to address this problem, such as deploying Army troops for tours that are half as long but twice as frequent, will

not change the basic obstacle. In previous wars in modern times, the United States has typically sent soldiers abroad for no more than one tough, dangerous year and then let them come home for good. Now it is, as a matter of cold and calculated policy, planning to send the same people back to combat zones every other year as far as the eye can see.

There is no way around it: The United States will have to ask a great deal of its ground forces as long as it stays in Iraq and Afghanistan. Recruiting and training more troops takes time — which is why Rumsfeld and Gen. Peter Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff, were mistaken to oppose a larger military last year when warning signs of a long presence in Irag already abounded.

That said, it is not too late to ameliorate the situation. Indeed, policy-makers should consider a further increase in U.S. ground

forces even larger than the 40,000 additional soldiers Kerry recommends.

Rumsfeld and Schoomaker argue that any legislated increase in the Army would be difficult to reverse when the additional troops are no longer needed. They further worry that by driving up personnel costs, it could deprive the Army of funding needed to modernize its force structure. But Congress sury will fund defense robustly as long as the large-scale missions in Iraq and Afghanistan continue. And if we someday no longer need a larger Army, we can scale it back. After Army by 300,000 soldiers; certainly it could administer a reduction one-fifth or one-sixth sa large in the future.

No nation can ever truly repay its uniformed men and women who risk, and some-times lose, their lives for their country. But the United States should do its utmost to be fair to them. It need not and must not ask a small group of dedicated professionals to become strangers to their own families and their own country in the course of waging a war that, for better or worse, we are all eneased in now.

Michael O'Hanlon is a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

By BRUCE TINSLEY

**Mallard Fillmore** 







### EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with rain and gusty winds. Highs will be in the mid 60s, with Wednesday lows in the mid 50s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy with rain showers and gusty winds. Highs will be in the mid 50s to low 60s, with Wednesday lows in low 40s to upper

50s. Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with fog in the morning becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon.

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France: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the low to mid 70s, with Wednesday lows in the upper 40s to low 60s.

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Turkey: Partly cloudy with gusty winds. Highs will be in the mid 60s to mid 80s, with Wednesday lows in the low to mid 50s.

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# He's stronger than you

## At 90, Jack LaLanne offers tips on fitness

BY PATRICK S. PEMBERTON Knight Ridder Newspapers

SAN LUIS OBISPO. Calif. - If you don't exercise regularly, you'd better not let Jack LaLanne find out

And, by all means, don't tell him you like cheeseburgers

Because LaLanne, Morro Bay's most famous — and probably fittest - resident, will sternly lecture you on how you're mistreating your body and diminishing your quality of life. "You don't get old from calen-

dar years," the fitness guru said.
"You get old from inactivity. That's the killer.

You can't challenge him, either. LaLanne just turned 90 and he's still buff. He works out for two hours every day, his mind is as sharp as a man in his 30s and he occasionally carries his wife, Elaine, around to prove that his barrel chest is not made of pil-

But living to a fit 90 hasn't been a mere walk in the park. "I hate to work out," said LaLanne, the host of the long-running "Jack La-Lanne Show." "I'd rather take a beating. To leave a hot bed and a hot woman to go into a cold gym at five in the morning — that takes discipline. But I like the results. Results, results, results.

Not only did LaLanne cele-brate his 90th birthday recently (hundreds of people, including Donald Trump, attended the bash in New York), but he and his also celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. The 90th birthday has led to

scores of interviews, including guest appearances on "The Today Show," "The Tony Danza Show" and Howard Stern's morn-ing radio show, keeping LaLanne in the public eye.

"You get to be 90, and everyone goes. 'Well how'd the old poop do it? What's his secret?" LaLanne said. "I tell them: 'Clean thoughts and dirty girls.'"



Fitness expert Jack LaLanne has a statue of himself in front of his garage in Morro Bay, Calif. "You get to be 90, and everyone goes, 'Well, how'd the old poop do it? What's his secret?" "he says. "I tell them: 'Clean thoughts and dirty girls.'

Still, we really did want to know his secret. So we asked La-Lanne for nine tips on how to reach 90. Here's what he said:

Exercise vigorously - at least twice a week with weights, plus water exercises.

"What helps you get out of a chair or go up and down stairs? It's muscles, right? These old people - they quit doing things. They sit on their big, fat butts, thinking about what they used to do, and pretty soon their muscles atrophy, they lose everything and

they have problems getting out of bed or getting out of a chair.' Exercise during commercials,

if you have to. 'People say, 'I don't have time.'



What a lousy excuse! You can do all this stuff while you're in your chair during the commercials while you're watching television Change your exercise routine every 30 days.

"You've got 640 muscles. They all need their share of work.' Avoid indulging in bad habits.

When you get your dog up, do you give him a cup of coffee, a doughnut and a cigarette? People think nothing of giving them-selves that for breakfast, and they vonder why they don't feel good

Always have goals and chal-Never be satisfied — ever

You know, I've won all these physique contests, and I've broken all kinds of world records and been very successful financially, but I've never been satisfied. The minute you get satisfied, you get complacent. ... I can't do the things I did when I was 25, but I'm doing a helluva good job for the age I am."

If man makes it, don't eat it.

"If you go into McDonalds to get a hamburger, some of these hamburgers are 1,200-1,300 calo ries. That's all the calories you need for the day. And how many people eat that, plus milkshakes and all the rest of the junk they eat, and they wonder why they're

Eat vegetables and fruits.

You've got to get at least five or six raw vegetables every day of your life. You've got to get at least four or five pieces of fresh fruit every day of your life."

Don't eat in between meals

"Ten seconds to the lips, a lifetime to the hips."

Keep up on current events. 'Keep your mind active. I read everything from the Bible to the Enquirer

## Scientists outline steps to confront childhood obesity

BY RANDOLPH SCHMID The Associated Press

WASHINGTON

wide-ranging effort involving parents, schools, communities and government is needed to turn the tide of childhood obesithe Institute of Medicine said Thursday.

"No single factor or sector of society bears all of the blame for the problem," and no sector alone can correct it. Dr. Jeffrey Koplan of Emory University in Atlanta, chairman of the committee that prepared the recom-

mendations, said at a briefing. Shiriki K. Kumanyika of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine likened the recommendations to other long-term public health efforts, such as reducing smoking and getting people to use seat belts.

"This is not something that can happen overnight," she said, though some things can be done quickly, such as making schools commercial-free

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leader ship will be needto alter social ed to make the norms and effort succeed said Russell R. attitudes 77 Pate of the University of South Dr. Jeffrey Koplan Carolina, and "government at

Emory University provide coordinated leader-Dr. Thomas N. Robinson of

Stanford University a member The country has drifted into a situation where the number of obese youths has more than doubled over the past 30 years, Koplan said, "but we're not going to drift out of it."

all levels should

Today, some 9 million chil-dren older than 6 are obese, the report said.

The report called for a wide-ranging effort that includes less time in front of television and computer screens, changes in food labeling and advertising, more school and community physical education programs, and education to help children make better choices.

"It is now critical to alter so cial norms and attitudes" so that healthy eating and physical activity become routine Ko. plan said.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson noted that the Food and Drug Administration is examining how to revise food labels to ensure that parents understand how many calories they and their children are con-

"Accurate, helpful information will allow them to make wise food choices at home, at supermarkets and in restaurants." Thompson said.

Margo G. Wootan of the Center for Science in the Public Interest said the report recommends many sensible steps. "But frankly," she added,

"how many more of these reports do we need before the government actually starts adopting some of these poli-cies? How many more kids will start on a lifetime of disease before the nation starts treating this epidemic like an epidemic? It's time for action '

Mary C. Sophos, senior vice president of the Grocery Manufacturers of America, said the food industry is reformulating products to reduce calories, fat and salt and is offering smaller package sizes.

"To achieve successful be-havioral change, we will need to emphasize positive, motivational messages and tools across society, rather than relying on restrictions or negative messages," she said.

Robert Earl of the National Food Processors Association also noted changes being made by food manufacturers, and added: "The food industry also supports programs to promote physical activi-

ty among chilport emphasizes the importance of including physical activity in any effort to address obesity school, at home, and in communi-

of the committee that prepared the report, said that many health care providers are wor ried about the future as obese children age and adult chronic diseases are beginning in the teen years and younger.

"Everything is affected by

verweight," he said.

The report from the IOM, an arm of the National Academy of Sciences, is the latest to focus on childhood obesity. Over the past 30 years the rate of childhood obesity has tripled among youngsters aged 6 to 11 and has doubled for those aged 2 to 5 and 12 to 19, the institute report-

Obesity can lead to increased likelihood of developing diabetes, high blood pressure, sleep problems, high cholesterol, gallstones and other problems.

Specifically, the panel sug-gested that parents limit kids' TV hours, that schools provide healthier food, that restaurants offer nutrition information and that communities provide more recreation opportunities

The IOM report calls for increased federal involvement, including creation of an interdepartmental task force to coordinate activities, developing nutrition standards for school food, setting guidelines for advertising and marketing to children and increases in research fundPAGE 16 · Stars and Strip

#### Goat meat in demand

MY ALBANY — A rising immigrant-fueled demand for goat meat and dairy products has led to a mini-boom in the number of farmers nationwide who are capitalizing on the cheaper and easier-to-raise live-stock

The growth trend is especially true in New York and other Eastern seaboard states

where immigrant groups from the Middle East, Africa, eastern Europe and southern Asia are settling, said Duncan Hilchey, an agricultural development specialist at Cornell University.

"Of the top 20 immigrant groups into New York City, 18 or 19 come from goat meat-eating countries," Hilchey said. "Immigrants are bringing their food traditions to the Northeast and that's creating opportunity."

#### Disabled woman killed

CA SACRAMENTO — An elderly man who spent years caring for his mentally and physically disabled daughter apparently bludgeoned her to death with a hammer in their home, authorities said

Joseph Brosz, 84, was jailed on suspicion of murder in the slaying of 56-year-old Sylvia Brosz, whose body was found.

"The suspect indicated that he was unable to provide care for his daughter," sheriff's spokesman R.L. Davis said. "That appears to be the motive."

Davis said that he did not know the specifics of the woman's disability but that her father had been taking care of her full time. Davis said it was unclear when the woman was killed.

## Whale of a comeback

ANCHORAGE — North Pacific right whales may not be going extinct after all.

Scientists have found twice as many right whales in the Bering Sea as previously spotted, giving them hope the rare whales are making a comeback.

"We saw more right whales in the Bering Sea than have been documented in the last five years combined," said National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration scientist Robert Pitman, who was aboard a research vessel that spotted 25 whales, including three cows with calves.

Right whales in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans were hunted nearly to extinction before coming under international protection in 1949. The number in Alaska waters probably is in the dozens.

More than 100 are in waters off Russia and Japan.

#### Border deaths drop

TUCSON — The number of illegal immigrants who died while trying to cross the border from Mexico declined over the past year, according to preliminary Border Patrol figures released Friday.

The total number of migrant deaths along the entire U.S.-Mexico border dropped to 325 for the fiscal year that ended Thursday, from 340 in the previous fiscal year.

Mario Villarreal, a Washington-based spokesman for Customs and Border Protection, which in-



cludes the Border Patrol, attributed the decline to cooler, wetter weather in Texas and a repatriation program in Arizona.

Under the repatriation program, immigration officials put 14,000 captured migrants on planes headed to Mexico's interior rather than just returning them to the border, making repeat crossing attempts more difficult.

#### Doc loses job over gun

BOSTON — A doctor who left a loaded handgun in an employee's bathroom at Salem Hospital's emergency room was fired after an in-house investigation, while the state Board of Registration in Medicine continues its probe of the incident, his attorney said.

Dr. Richard L. Pinegar was suspended immediately after the gun was found, but he was not disciplined in any other way by the hospital and faces no criminal charges, said his lawver Paul Cirel.

Pinegar, working an overnight shift at the hospital, left the gun inside the bathroom early in the morning of Aug. 30 when he stepped out to answer a page, Cirel said. Another staffer found the gun

and alerted hospital security.

Pinegar, 52, who has a valid license to carry a firearm, immediately acknowledged the .38-caliber Smith and Wesson revolver was



Koala care

Conen, a 7-month-old joey koala, gets some TLC from his keepers at the San Diego Zoo. Conen is being hand-reared by his keepers. his and took possession of it, Cirel said. When the police arrived, Pinegar showed the officers the gun and was allowed to keep it.

"He grew up in Iowa around guns. He's a member of a sportsmen's club, and he keeps his gun locked in a gun safe." Cirel said. "He also works crazy hours in a hospital ER and has to find his car in the parking lot at night. It's his decision, and he's done it by following the law."

#### Snake clears theater

HOUSTON — In a case of life imitating art, a Houston movie theater has shut down while workers hunt for an 8-foot snake spotted by a maintenance worker. Among the movies playing at the 16-screen Tinseltown theater is

the horror-thriller "Anacondas."
Terrell Falk, a spokeswoman for Cinemark USA Inc., said the worker saw a snake about a week ago that he described as thick as a man's arm slithering along a wall.

When theater owners heard of it, they closed the place and brought in snake experts.

in snake experts.
"We have looked throughout the
theater and we haven't found a
snake yet," Ramon Cardenas,
owner of Critter Control of Houston, a company that specializes in
wildlife control, told the Houston
Chronicle.

It's unclear if the animal escaped or remains inside. Based on the description provided by the janitor, the snake people believe it could be a Burmese python.

## 1812 grave uncovered

BURLINGTON — Another skeleton in a grave from the War of 1812 has been uncovered at a construction site on North Street.

The latest skeleton brings to eight the number of skeletons uncovered during the current con-

struction project.
The latest skeleton includes pewter buttons that could help researchers determine which regiment the soldier belonged to, said Kristen Merman Shaper, the North Street revitalization coordinator

Nearly 5,000 soldiers were stationed at or near what is now Battery Park during the War of 1812. Roughly 500 soldiers died around Burlington as the Americans and British fought for control of Lake Champlain. Another 200 or so died in epidemics during the winter of 1812-13.

The soldiers were buried north and east of Battery Park. The burial ground was forgotten as development spread across the Old North End in the 1850s and 1860s.

### Man admits slayings

DENVER — A man charged with killing four people after binding them with duct tape and shooting them in the head as the 3-year-old daughter of one victim watched has pleaded guilty to the slayings.

Edward Herrera, 51, will be sentenced to four consecutive life sentences on Oct. 29, said Lynn Kimbrough, spokeswoman for the Denver district attorney's office.

ver district attorney's office.
Herrera pleaded guilty Friday to
four counts of felony murder and
two counts of attempted first-degree murder for the August 2003
slayings and the shootings of two
people who survived.



On a wild ride Fair in Shelby, N.C.

Jordan Price, 13, and Lauren Williams, 13, ride Pharaoh's Fury at the Cleveland County



Fiesta takes off Hot air balloons inflate and lift off over thousands of people during a mass ascension on the first day of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque. N.M.



Official play day in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Students from Wood Lane School run under a parachute during "Day of Play"



Changing fall foliage Fall color frames Attic Window peak on Grandfather Mountain near limile, N.C., from just below the Blue Ridge Parkway Viaduct. Despite flooding from hurricanes Ivan and Frances, all sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway north of Limille Falls are now open as the fall viewing season begins.



Put on a happy face Sensui Nishikawa, who trained in the dancing in Nagoya, Japan, applies her makeup before heading on stage to perform a Buyou dance for students at the Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kan.



Nigel 'nose' science
Ben Randell, left, and Sarah Biles,
right, accompany Nigel Nose-It-All,
played by Brandon Nagel, from the
Science City Museum to Crown
Center in Kansas City, Mo., for a
public relations event to promote
"Grossology, the Impolite Science
of the Human Body."



Pumpkin pickin' Holy Name School kindergartners manuever through a pumpkin patch in search for the perfect one to take home at the Allen Farm pumpkin patch in Harness,

#### Docs protest premiums

MD HAGERSTOWN — Physicians in a northwest Maryland county plan to halt non-emergency surgeries for at least two weeks to protest a 33 percent increase in malpractice insurance premiums.

The Maryland Insurance Administration on Sept. 14 approved the rate increase for 2005 for Medical Mutual Liability Insurance Society of Maryland, which insures most of the state's doctors. The move comes after a 28 percent increase this year, bringing premiums to as high as \$150,000.

Surgeries that will not get done include hernia repair, gallbladder removal, breast biopsies and colonoscopies, Riggle said. Surgeries for trauma, ruptured aneurysms and other emergencies will continue, he said.

#### No help for blind voters

FL JACKSONVILLE — County elections officials say they will not have touch-screen voting machines in place for blind voters by the November election, despite a federal judge's order.

Not enough time remains to obtain and test the machines – absordered into place for the benefit of Duval County voters with certain other disabilities — before Nov. 3, according to the filing in federal court. A sworm statement by the county's assistant elections chief says preparations to install the machines would have had to start on Sept. 25, three days before the order was issued.

The judge's order stems from a 2001 lawsuit by three disabled voters who alleged the county's optical scan voting machines did not allow them to vote without the help of others.

### Crash victim recovered

LIHUE — Rescue workers removed the last of five bodies from the wreckage of a Sept. 24 helicopter crash on a steep mountain slope in Hawaii.

Bodies of four people were retrieved last week.

The helicopter was reported missing after failing to return from a tour on time. A crew on a Coast Guard helicopter spotted the crash site Sept. 25.

The helicopter smashed into the side of the mountain and burned.

## Town gets \$9M gift

ME SOUTH BRISTOL — A Louisiana woman who spent summers in South Bristol has left the town \$9 million in her will.

Ann Wilder Stratton, who died July 19 at the age of 80, visited the family's home in South Bristol into the 1980s. Even after she sold the family properly and gave the family-owned Hodgdons Island to the Damariscotta River Association, she continued sending \$1,000 "property tax" checks to the town.

Stratton developed an affection for the people of this fishing port of 800. Still, townspeople were flab-bergasted upon learning that she had bequeathed a third of her \$28 million estate to the community. No one had a clue she would leave the town such a staggering amount.

An obituary in the Shreveport Times called Stratton, a former social worker, a champion of the people. The mayor of Shreveport declared July 13, just six days before her death, as Ann Wilder Stratton Day in recognition of her community involvement.

### Airport demolished

CHICAGO — The Federal Aviation Administration is fining the city \$33,000 for its demolition of Meigs Field and says it is investigating whether federal funds were improperly diverted to pay for the destruction of the lake-front airport.

Mayor Richard Daley ordered the demolition March 30, 2003. Crews began bulldozing the airport's only runway late that night.

Daley had argued Meigs could have helped terrorists attack near by landmarks such as Sears Tower, critics say he exploited terror fears to pursue his goal of making a park out of the airfield. The city, however, failed to give the FAA a required 30-day notice before it shut down Meigs Field, agency spokesman Tony Molinaro said.

The FAA also is investigating whether \$1.5 million was improperly diverted from the O'Hare Airport Development Fund to pay for the demolition, Molinaro said. The FAA could fine the city up to \$4.5 million if it is determined the funds were improperly used and the city refuses to return the money, Molinaro said.

#### Not too old for surgery

PROVIDENCE — At 98, his heart failing, unable to walk or lie flat, John Sarafian was at a crossroads.

Choose open-heart surgery and a chance at a longer life — or acknowledge he had come to the end of road. The retired doctor chose life, and became the oldest patient to undergo the surgery at Rhode Is-land Hospital. Cardiac surgeon Arun Singh per-

formed the recent operation and said that "other than a little hearing loss, he is very young at heart." Singh predicted a full recovery.

"I know how old I am," Sarafian said. "And I knew this could be the end of the road. By the time I saw Dr. Singh, I was feeling so badly that when they said, When do you want the surgery? I said, 'Right now.' The hospital said Sarafian would be released soon.

## Cookie induces illnesses

GA GIBSON — Eight high school students fell ill and were taken to the hospital Friday after eating a large homemade cookie apparently contaminated with some kind of heavy metal authorities said.

The students, ages 14 to 17, ate the chocolate chip cookie during a morning break and immediately became nauseated and complained of severe abdominal pain, burning throats and sweats, authorities said. Two were admitted to a hospital for observation.

The cookie had been brought in by a fellow student at Glascock Consolidated School in Gibson, 110 miles southeast of Atlanta. At McDuffie Regional Medical

Center in Thomson, the cookie was put through an X-ray machine, and it revealed what appeared to be "some sort of heavy metal substance," said hospital spokeswoman Debbie Jones.

ed Stratton, a former so- Stories and photos from wire services

## **FACES**

#### Armstrong cycles for a good cause

Six-time Tour de France winner and cancer survivor Lance Armstrong is taking part in a cross-country cycling relay to raise awareness about cancer and the importance of cancer research

Armstrong left Duarte, Calif., on the first segment of the eight-day trip that ends Oct. 9 in



Armstrong

Washington Twenty cyclists, each touched in some way by cancer, are taking part the event sponsored by tol-Myers Squibb, which developed three drugs that helped Armstrong

The bikers will ride in continuous 4- to 5-hour segments, and Arm-strong will ride in selected segments along the way.

During a speech before the ride began. Armstrong credited cancer

researchers who created the drugs with saving his life. "I wouldn't be here, I wouldn't be on a bike, I wouldn't have won the race, I wouldn't have won a stage in the Tour (de France) ... and I sure as hell wouldn't have won six" without the drugs, he said.

## Actor appears in ads for alma mater

Actor Sean Patrick Thomas is hoping to help out students at the University of Virginia,

his alma mater, by appearing in advertisements for a new financial aid program

Thomas, 33, graduated from the university in 1992 and benefited from need-based financial aid. Now he is annearing with current financial aid recipients in a series of television and radio announcements about the "Access UVa" program.



Thomas portrayed Jimmy James in "Barbershop" and its sequel, "Bar-bershop 2: Back in Business," and received critical acclaim for his role in "Save the Last Dance."

The ads feature the theme: "If you've got the brains, but not the bucks, the door's open. Access UVa makes it

#### Can't handle the American way of life

Chow Yun-Fat says he can't stand the American way of life and has no plans to pursue U.S. permanent resident status.



Yun-Fat

"I can't stand talking English every day or the lifestyle there ... not to mention the food," the Hong Kong-born film star was quoted as saying inthe Chinese-language newspaper The Sun. "I only go to Ameri-ca for work. When I finish work, I leave immediately. I won't stay one day longer.

Chow rose to fame in Hong Kong with gangster movies including "A Better Tomorrow" before moving to Hollywood, where he has starred in films such as "The Replacement Kill-

ers" and "Anna and the King."

#### Mayor knows his snow shovels

When the author of a new how-to book needed to find an expert snow shoveler, she turned to Buffalo Mayor Tony Masiello to write a chapter about his shoveling se-

Masiello shares the literary stage with celebrities such as Donald Trump and Jennifer Capriati in Samantha Et-tus' new book, "The Experts' Guide to 100 Things Every-one Should Know How to Do."

The book offers tips from experts on how to accomplish tasks ranging from setting a formal table to changing a diaper. Masiello is the only elected official included in the But some Buffalo residents who serve on a task force that is trying to make the city more walkable in the win-

ter questioned how much shoveling the mayor actually In his entry, Masiello pointed out that not all snow is created equal and when there is at least 7 feet of snow, his

advice is to call the governor to send in the National Guard and call Congress for federal aid. Masiello also wrote about the different types of shovels

and when to use rock salt and what type of clothing shovelers should wear.

Stories and photos from wire services



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From left, Jacinda Barrett, John Travolta and Joaquin Phoenix star in the new movie "Ladder 49." Realism is what sets this film apart from the 1991 hit "Backdraft." The director Jay Russell that "Ladder 49" is "... a character movie that has action as opposed to an action movie that has characters.

## Travolta, Phoenix try to keep real in 'Ladder 49'

BY JOHN MONAGHAN Knight Ridder Newspapers

DETROIT ohn Travolta can't see the hand before his face, but he can feel the heat.

He thinks he hears someone to his right, though it could just be a voice bouncing off a wall. He gropes in front of him on hands and knees and feels the floor fall away in front of him. Is it a 3- or 30-foot drop? He only knows he has to act before the room gets any hotter

What sounds like a scene from the new firefighter drama "Ladder 49" is not: It is part of the training Travolta and costar Joaquin Phoenix undertook for their roles. And while neither is claiming these sessions made them bona fide firefighters, they hope that their respect for the profession shines through in every frame

"The movie was bigger than all of us," says Travolta. "Only a couple of times in a career do you get to do movies for a bigger reason than yourself."

"We wanted to be truthful and authentic," says Phoenix. "We didn't want to pull punches. It seems so often in film you have to create these scenarios in which your protagonist has to do something heroic, and it always feels very contrived. Here we don't have to create these fake scenarios. These are real heroes saving people every day

In "Ladder 49," Phoenix plays Jack Morrison, a Baltimore fireman who gets trapped deep in a blazing warehouse. As fellow firefighters try to dig through the rubble to get him out, the story flashes back to his days as a rookie learning the rones from fire chief Mike Kennedy (Travolta) and starting a family with wife Linda (Jacinda Bar-

The 29-year-old Phoenix, so soft-spoken he barely eems able to blow out a candle let alone a five-alarm fire says the three months spent with Baltimore firefighters provided invaluable background for his role. Once inside a burning building, he says, "You can't see, you can't hear, you can't really touch anything. All these senses are muted and it's really scary."

Realism is what sets the movie apart from Ron Howard's 1991 hit "Backdraft." The Internet site www.nitpickers.com is filled with accounts of firefighters literally velling at the screen when rescue units in Howard's film stormed burning buildings without the proper equipment, especially masks.

"Ladder 49" presents the more routine and sometimes mundane aspects of life in a firehouse - just guys battling blazes and trying to hold their families together.

While critics may still pick at the melodramatic elements, firefighters who have seen it at preview screenings

give it high marks. For Travolta, the key question in the film was the chief's

choice to nut more and more men at risk in attempting to rescue Morrison, who had become like a younger brother to him. "I asked some firefighters what they thought they would do," Travolta remembers. "At first they said 'No, they wouldn't have done it, and then their wives said, 'Oh, yeah, right,' and they had to cop to it. Almost all would have done the same thing." Aside from the chance to work with Phoenix, Travolta

says he was attracted to the physicality of his role. "Every scene involving fire was bordering on danger," says Travolta, who wasn't wearing gloves in one scene and burned himself on the red-hot metal tags of Phoenix's coat. "We were risking more than we should have. It was always, 'Is anybody looking? OK, let's do it.'

Helming a big-budget movie about firefighters seems an odd fit for Jay Russell, but the director says it's not that dif-ferent from his work on movies like "Tuck Everlasting" and "My Dog Skip."

"I like to call this a character movie that has action as opposed to an action movie that has characters," he says. Russell realizes nitpickers will invariably take swipes at the film's accuracy, but he thinks it comes closer than any film so far.

To truly portray a firefighting situation, he says, you would have to place the audience literally in the dark. "Once you hit a burning fire with water, a blackout happens," he says. "Smoke comes at you and, even on the brightest day, everything goes pitch black."

Russell insists that the movie was already in the works before Sept. 11, 2001, but admits that the tragedy has made the sacrifices of firefighters a hot topic. Yes, he says, the movie is dedicated to those who died during the terrorist attacks, but "it's also a tribute to the firefighters who died on 9/10, 9/12 and 9/13," he says

"On 9/11 the world saw, in a glimpse, what happens every day.

## Horoscope

Mercury crosses paths with the sun, which is like a cosmic rim shot to a vaudevillan comedian. Vaudeville performers liked to tell the audience what they were going to do and then deliver the action skillfully

the audience what they were going to do and then deliver the action skillfully with a twist, followed by a rim shot to say, "See, I did it!" Our communication follows these lines, and it's

clear what has occurred.

TODAY'S BIRTHIDAY
(October 5). The year
ahead will be a time of great
personal change for you.
Don't be surprised if you.
Don't be surprised if you.
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entirely new and unforeseen direction, particularly with regard to your
love life or a financial arrangement
involving someone desi's money.
And your sex life positively sizzles.
Ludyl (love signs are Scorpio and

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Do you have a friend, love or family member who always makes you feel terrific? Maybe she thinks you're glamorous even when you're wearing an old pair of sweats. Or he thinks your embarrassing social

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).
Someone knows someone who's the perfect person to help you with your agenda. Take a few minutes to go through your Rolodex and make a list of any friends and contacts

gaffes are adorable.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).**Pay attention to the intention behind what you say. By focusing on the subtext behind your words, you not only gain insight into your own posche but will also start to pick up on the subtle clues being revealed

who might be helpful to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).
Think about the key areas of your life. Are you settling for less? There is a way to rearrange things in your world so that your reality is a little more in tune with your desires, while still remaining true to your values.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The only way to truly empower yourself is to let go of your own need for

control. True power comes from a divine, inexhaustible source, so the more power you give to others, the more you get for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your body knows what your mind

doesn't, so be alert. If you're feeling wom out or in pain, don't just pop an aspirin or have another cup of coffee without first asking yourself what's stressing you out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Consider what you've added to the world lately. Perhaps you've done something useful or beautiful. Then, figure in what you've

subtracted or wasted. If the plusses outweigh your minuses, you're doing OK.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life is hard enough without your making it tougher. Never stop trying to improve yourself or stretch your limits, but do try to take the path of least resistance. If you don't know what that is, ask the person who loves you best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Take a gamble on the future, and embark on a new path. Be especially open to any intriguing invitation that comes your way via someone very old or someone very young. It's best to keep any insights to yourself now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Look for the humor in every situation, whether you're stuck in traffic or fighting a serious illness. Laughter really is the best medicine to fight stress and stay young. If it's love that you seek, a smile attracts the most notice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Being an adult means knowing how to return the love you're given. If someone gives of himself or herself openly and without hesitation, thank your lucky stars, and don't hold back with your affection.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everything in the universe yeams to be made whole again, so completing small tasks can reap big karmic rewards. If your house is in full working order, lend some assistance to a neighbor or co-worker.

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## Peanuts

to you by others.













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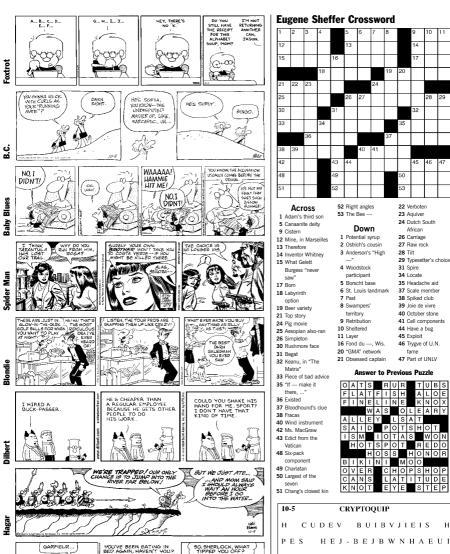












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" A Q V C H E I D V I A . "
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF AN AILING FELLOW
IS GOOD AT READING AND WRITING, IS HE ONE OF THE ILL LITERATE?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals C

## **Keeping an eye out for sex abuse**

Dear Abby: You printed a letter from a woman, "Uneasy About My Daughter," who was concerned that her husband might be acting inappropriately with her 11-year-old daughter. She went on Dear Abby to describe her husband sitting on the toilet and eating his dinner every night while the girl took her bath, and also strok-ing the girl's backside to lull her to sleep at bed

You advised "Uneasy" that her husband's behavior was inappropriate and urged her to discuss the situation with the girl's pedia trician. You said the husband might back off if he heard from the doctor that what he doing was wrong - and that the doctor should report the man if

he refused to stop. Abby, I think you threw gas on the fire without knowing more about that mother's concerns Why is the husband eating his dinner while the daughter takes her bath? Does he get home late,

after the rest of the family has eaten? How developed is the girl? My 11-year-old girl looks like she's 8! Is the father really rubbing the girl's bottom - or her back? A back rub isn't inappropri-

> Eleven is a weird age The girls aren't women. but they aren't small children either. My 11-year-old thinks noth ing of jumping into the tub when I'm bathing my 3-year-old. She also does it when my hus-

band is bathing our son. If "Uneasy" feels the way she does, why doesn't she have h daughter take her bath earlier?

- Trusts My Husband

Dear Trusts: That's a good question. However, she wrote to me because she has a sixth sense that's telling her something is wrong. And she should listen to that sixth sense and act on it After I printed that letter the volume of mail I received from survivors of child sexual abuse

curled my hair. Read on for a sample:

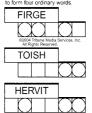
Dear Abby: As a child, I was sexually abused by my father, a "pinnacle of the community." I still bear the emotional scars. What "Uneasy's" husband is doing is called "confusing touch" and is very likely a precursor to outright abuse. By confusing the daughter into thinking his behav-ior is OK, the father opens the door for behavior that isn't. "Uneasy" must get help for her daughter so the girl can learn how to set boundaries and define

appropriate touch.

Parents have a responsibility to their children to protect them from sexual abuse by family members, friends or others.

- Been There In Plano, Texas Dear Been There: I was taken aback by the number of first-per son testimonials I received de scribing similar experiences. Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6944 Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can wr to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

Unscramble these four Jumbles one letter to each square to form four ordinary words.



THE OBNOXIOUS **FAVORITE** Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

NEARBY GYPSHM

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WHEN HE ACED

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

(Answers tomorrow)

PIANO

How the bowler paid for the acupuncture treatment - WITH "PIN" MONEY

Jumbles: MANLY

Answer:

MIRADS



"I don't remember being a baby, so I'll have to take your word for it, Mommy.'

## Rural exposure too much for wife

Dear Annie: I am a 30-year-old married woman. My husband "Tom," and I recently spent a week at an ex tremely secluded cabin near a stream. About midway through the ek, Tom had an ap pointment with an old friend who lived in the area, so I was left alone Since the cabin was completely isolated, I decided

to forgo my swimsuit and

sunbathe in the nude. After a few minutes, a couple of fishermen appeared suddenly. They were both elderly gentlemen who were apparently work ing their way down the stream. I had not remotely anticipated this

Unfortunately, my robe was too far away to reach without getting out of the chair. I said lamely, "Catch anything?" They both laughed and got quite an eyeful as they stood watching me get up to put on my robe and wall highly embarrassed, back into the cabin

I later learned that one of the

Annie's Mailbox

men was the owner's father-in-law, and soon the story of the "naked lady" was making the rounds. The owner jokingly told me that I made the old guys' day and apparently, I've become a legend in the area

I didn't tell Tom about this, and now he is talking about renting the same cabin next

year. I don't want to go back, knowing people might remember me, but I don't want to

tell Tom, either. He's a wonderful husband but funny about this sort of thing. What should I do? - Karen in Illinois

Dear Karen: We're glad you

seem to have a sense of humor about this, and we think you should tell Tom, especially if his old friend lives in the area and might spill the beans. However, if you are reluctant to mention the incident to him, simply say you didn't enjoy the cabin as much as you had anticipated and would prefer to go somewhere else next time. He doesn't need to know you are Lady Godi-

Dear Annie: I'm writing in response to "Cautious in California," the woman who suspects her husband is cheating but

doesn't want to confront him When my husband of 17 years began behaving oddly, I asked him repeatedly if he was seeing someone else. He always re-sponded, "No, of course not." He readily agreed to counseling, and it took five months before he admitted he'd been having an

affair the entire time. Annie, I wish I'd followed your suggestion and hired a private detective. It would have been worth the money to know for sure and protect my sanity.

Dear Texas: Thanks for the testimonial. We hope things are hetter now.

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"MY PARENTS SAID THEY DIDN'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED, SO CAN I DISTURB YOU?"



"Well, I laid four Wednesday, three yesterday, and two more today ... of course, George keeps saying we shouldn't count them until they hatch."



## **SCOREBOARD**

## **AFN TV & Radio**

#### Tuesday

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. - Auto racing: NASCAR Trucks, American Racing Wheels 200 (did). AFN-Pacific, noon - NFL: Kansas City at Bal-timore (did). AFN-Sports, noon - Auto racing: NASCAR lextel Cup, EA Sports 500 (dld). AFN-Sports, 7 pm. NFL: Kansas City at Bal-imore (dld) or Baseball: AL or NL Division Se

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AFN-Radio, 7 p.m. - Baseball: AL or NL Divi-sion Series, Game 1.

AFN-Sports, 10 p.m. - Baseball: AL or NL Divi-sion Series, Game 1.

AFN-Radio, 10 p.m. - Baseball: AL or NL Divi-les Seares.

#### Wednesday

AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m. - Baseball: AL or NL Di-vision Series, Game 1. AFN-Sports, 4 a.m. - WNBA: Conference Fi-

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. - Motorcycle racing: Moto GP World Championships, from Qatar (did). AFN-Sports, noon - College football, Teams TBD (did), or Baseball: AL or NL Divi-sion Series, Game 1 (did). AFN-Sports, 7 p.m. - Baseball: AL or NL Divi-

AFri-Sports, r paris AFRI-Radio, 7 p.m. - Baseball: AL or NL Divi-ion Series, Game 1. AFRI-Sports, 10 p.m. - Baseball: AL or NL Di-ision Series. AFRI-Radio, 10 p.m. - Baseball: AL or NL Divi-ion Series, Game 1. All times Central European Time; dld indi-cates delayed broadcast. All listings are sub-ject to change. Some radio broadcasts no avallable in all areas. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

## College football

#### AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 2, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

1. Southern Cal (48)	4-0	1,604	1
2. Oklahoma (15)	4-0	1,560	2
3. Georgia (2)	4-0	1.491	3
4. Miami	4-0	1.409	3 4 5 8
5. Texas	4-0	1.358	5
6. Auburn	5-0	1.305	8
7. California	3-0	1.180	10
8. Florida St.	3-1	1.149	9
9. Purdue	4-0	1.047	15
10. Virginia	4-0	1.036	12
11. Utah	5-0	937	14
12. Florida	3-1	866	16
13. Minnesota	5-0	722	
14. Michigan	4-1	666	19
15. Wisconsin	5-0	650	20
16. West Virginia	4-1	604	6
17. Tennessee	3-1	551	10
18. Ohio St.	3-1	547	7
19. Arizona St.	5-0	507	21
20. Louisville	4-0	478	22
21. Boise St.	5-0	396	23
22. Oklahoma St.	4-0	360	25
23. Maryland	3-1	263	24
24. LSU	3-2	191	13
25. South Carolina	4-1	60	_
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ginia Tech 17, Navy 1	<ol><li>Stanfor</li></ol>	d 15. T	ex

A&M 12, Boston College 5, Notre Dame 2, Kan sas St. 1, Nebraska 1, Texas Tech 1.

## USA Today/ESPN Top 25

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The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Cet. 2, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote, through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Southern California (46)	4-0	1.507	- 1
2, Oklahoma (12)	4-0	1.462	2
3. Georgia (1)	4-0	1.398	3
4. Miami (2)	4-0	1.347	4
5. Texas	4-0	1.283	5
6. Auburn	5-0	1.189	9
7. California	3-0	1.116	10
8. Florida State	3-1	1.049	11
9. Virginia	4-0	966	12
10. Purdue	4-0	952	15
11. Utah	5-0	876	14
12. Florida	3-1	731	16
13. Minnesota	5-0	684	19
14. Michigan	4-1		18
15. Ohio State	3-1	643	6
		597	
17. Tennessee	3-1		8
	4-1		7
19. Boise State	5-0		21
20. Louisville	4-0	434	22
		353	
22. Arizona State		314	
23. Maryland	3-1	307	
24. LSU	3-2	232	
25. North Carolina State	3-1	. 63	

## Auto racing

#### EA Sports 500

At Talladepa Superspeedway
Talladepa Superspeedway
Talladepa, Ala.
Lap length: 2.66 miles
(1. (10) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 188,
\$305,568.

2. (15) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 188, \$165,208. 3. (3) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 188, \$137,922. 4. (26) Brendan Gaughan, Dodge, 188, \$100,600.

\$100,640. 5. (8) Kurt Busch, Ford, 188, \$104,290. 6. (30) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, \$120,603. 7. (1) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 188, \$106,075. \$106,075. 8. (34) Casey Mears, Dodge, 188, \$100,000. 9. (36) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 188, \$108,562. 10. (28) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, 188,

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117. (24) Jamle McMurray, Dodge, 188, 576,5985. 18. (41) Mike Wallace, Dodge, 188, 568,670. 19. (5) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 188, 5112,428. 20. (37) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 188, 568,140. 21. (38) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 188, 595,285. 95,285. 22. (6) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 188, \$102,398. 23. (11) Hermie Sadler, Ford, 188, \$67,420. 24. (22) Kerry Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 188,

53,000. 25, (14) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 188, 598,786. 221 Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 188, i. (33) Rusty Wallace, prouge, 200, 3,403. 7. (23) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 187, \$95,360. 8. (12) Greg Biffle, Ford, 187, \$73,625. 8. (35) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 187, \$78,065. 8. (20) Ricky Craven, Chevrolet, 187,

\$62,405. 31. (29) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 187, \$82,820. 32. (43) Kenny Wallace, Chevrolet, 185, 61,735. 33. (42) Larry Gunselman, Ford, 183. 33. (42) Larry Santanana (562,575. 34. (32) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 177, accident, \$94,555. 35. (27) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 177, accident \$106,533. dent, \$50,555. 35. (27) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 177, ac-cident, 3106,533. (21) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 164, over-leating, 599,140. Johnson, Chevrolet, 157, en-glie failure, \$51,150.

ine failure, \$81,150. 38. (9) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 147, acci-ent, \$77,689. 39. (18) Jeff Green, Dodge, 142, accident, 

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186-188. Top 10 in Points Standings
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## Toyota Indy 400

Sunday

At California Speedway
Fontana, Calif.

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500. (6) Buddy Rice, Panoz G Force-Honda, 5. (6) Buddy Rice, Panoz G Force-Honda, 200, \$51,600. 6. (9) Dario Franchitti, Dallara-Honda, 200, \$45,600

7. (1) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Toyota, 200, \$71,900. 8. (2) Scott Dixon, Panoz G Force-Toyota, 199, \$43,300.
9. (16) Townsend Bell, Dallara-Chevrolet, 199, \$43,300.
10. (11) Mark Taylor, Panoz G Force-Honda, 199, \$44,000.
11. (14) Scott Sharp, Dallara-Toyota, 199, \$40,800.

\$40,800. 12. (10) Ed Carpenter, Dallara-Chevrolet, 198, \$39,500. 13. (20) Kosuke Matsuura, Panoz G Force-Honda, 198, \$38,500. 14. (19) Tora Takagi, Dallara-Toyota, 196, \$37,100

\$37,100.
15. (12) Tomas Scheckter, Dallara-Chevro-let, 193, accident, \$36,000.
16. (17) Tomas Enge, Dallara-Chevrolet, 190, accident, \$34,900.
17. (8) Bryan Herta, Dallara-Honda, 188, \$33,600.

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18. (15) Alex Barron, Dallara-Chevrolet, 185, accident, \$33,600.
19. (7) A.J. Foyl IV. Dallara-Toyota, 178, accident, \$32,600 20. (18) Felipe Glaffone, Dallara-Chevrolet, 173, gearbox, \$31,300.
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21. (5) Vitor Meira, Panoz G Force-Honda, 170, gearbox, \$31,300. 22. (22) Darren Manning, Panoz G Force-Toyota, 0, DNS, \$31,300. Race Statistics Time of Race: 2 hours, 14 minutes, 12.5029

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Winner's Average Speed: 178.826 mph.

Caution Flags: Five for 23 laps.

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## Golf

## Southern Farm Bureau Classic

Sunday At Annandale Golf Club Madison, Miss. Purse: \$3 million Yardage: 7,199; Par: 72 Final Round

Tommy Tolles, \$7,060 Garrett Willis, \$7,060 Kent Jones, \$7,060 Matt Gogel, \$7,060 Jay Don Blake, \$7,060 69-70-71-70-280 68-71-69-72-280

Brad Lardon, \$7,060 Larry Mize, \$6,720 Dicky Pride, \$6,720 70-70-66-74-280 68-71-72-70-281 72-67-72-70-281 Rich Beem, \$6,720 Kris Cox, \$6,570 70-67-72-72-281 70-69-73-70-282 David Sutherland J.P. Hayes, \$6,420 Jeff Brehaut, \$6,420 Craig Perks, \$6,420 Paul Azinger, \$6,240 Grant Walte, \$6,240 Brian Bateman, \$6,2 raui Azinger, \$6,240 71-68-74-71-284 Grant Waite, \$6,240 72-68-72-72-284 Brian Bateman, \$6,240 71-66-73-72-824 David Peoples, \$6,120 71-69-71-74-286 Kelly Gibson, \$6,030 71-69-73-72-286 Kelly Gibson, \$6,030 71-69-70-76-286

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Tom Watson, \$40,000
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x-clinched playoff spot NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

or tie.

Saturday's games
New England 2, Dallas 0
Chicago 3, Columbus 3, tie
D.C. United 1, MetroStars 0
San Jose 1, Colorado 1, tie
Kansas City 1, Los Angeles 1, tie
Wednesday, Oct. 6
Columbus at Chicago Columbus at Chicago Saturday, Oct. 9 Columbus at MetroStars New England at D.C. United Dallas at Los Angeles Kansas City at San Jose

## Pro basketball WNBA playoffs

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

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Tuesday, Oct. 5
Sacramento at Seattle

FINALS (Best-of-3)
Connecticut vs. Sacramento-Seattle winner
Friday, Oct. 8
Sacramento-Seattle winner at Connecti-

Sunday, Oct. 10

Connecticut at Sacramento-Seattle win-

Tuesday, Oct. 12
Connecticut at Sacramento-Seattle win

## Deals

## Weekend transactions

MLB—Suspende New York Yankees man-ager Joe Torre one game and fined him an undisclosed amount because LHP Brad Hal-sey threw at a batter after unprie Jim Wolf gave a warning during a Sept. 26 game against Toront American League KANSAS\_CITY ROYALS—Declined to pick

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Punnert women's lacrosse coach.

## Big shift in AP poll except on top

BY RALPH D. RUSSO The Associated Press

For the first time this season, The Associated Press poll received a serious shake-up — just

not at the top.

Big wins by Auburn, Georgia,
California and Purdue, combined
with surprising losses by West
Virginia, Ohio State and Fresno
State helped to overhaul the

media poll released Sunday.

The top five remained the same for the third straight week, with No. 1 Southern California followed by Oklahoma, Georgia, Miami and Texas.

From there, changes were plentiful — including LSU's 11-spot drop to No. 24.

Auburn's 34-10 victory at Tennessee on Saturday moved the Tigers into national title contention and to No. 6 in the rankings. That's where Auburn started last season, but 2003 didn't work out as planned, and the Tigers never lived up to the advanced billing. Now, they are exceeding expecations.

The last time Auburn was

ranked this high during the season was Oct. 12, 1997. "We had something to prove,"

"We had something to prove," Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said after the Tigers' first win in Knoxville in 21 years. Cal will head into its showdown

Cal will head into its showdown with USC next week ranked seventh after winning 49-7 at Oregon State, despite a three-week layoff. It's the Golden Bears' best showing in the poll since they were sixth on Nov. 24, 1991.

No. 9 Purdue cracked the top 10 for the first time this season with a 41-16 victory against Notre Dame, the Boilermakers' first win at South Bend in 30 years.

Virginia had the week off, but benefited from Ohio State and West Virginia losing their first games and moved up two spots to

No. 8 Florida State also moved up a spot.

The top eight teams were the same in the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll.

Coaches poll.

The Buckeyes and Mountaineers, top 10 teams since the preseason, each slipped by double

Ohio State was 18th after losing to Northwestern for the first time in 33 years. The Wildcats won 33-27 in overtime.

digits

West Virginia's 19-13 loss at Virginia Tech wasn't quite as stunning, but ultimately it may have been more costly. The Mountaineers fell to 16th, and with a relatively weak Big East schedule left, they probably won't have a chance to work themselves back into the national title race.

Defending co-national champion LSU (3-2) can also say goodbye to its title hopes after losing

45-16 loss at Georgia.

"When things like this happen you must dig deep down inside,"
LSU coach Nick Saban said.

See polls on Scoreboard, Page 22



Cal quarterback Aaron Rodgers might give the Golden Bears an edge in this week's showdown with USC.

## Games already shaping BCS

BY MIKE HUGUENIN The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — The first BCS poll of the season comes out Oct. 18, but three games this week involving the top three teams in the media polls will have a huge bearing on the major-conference races and on those BCS rankings.

Teasing Michaloma vs. No. 5. Teasis in Dallae: It's called the "Reed River Shootout," but it has been more like the "Reed River Bloodletting" of late. OU has won he past four by an average of 47-14, including a 65-13 mauling last season. In the closing seconds of Saturday's 44-14 win over Bay-ton, Texas fams began chanting, "Beat OU!" But Texas Coach to the season of Saturday's and the season of Saturday and Saturday Sat

Oklahoma shut down the nation's top-ranked passing team Saturday with a 28-13 win over Texas Tech. This week, the Sooners get the nation's top-ranked rushing team (Texas is averaging 33.5 ypg), which features the nation's top-ranked rusher (Cedric Benson, 186.5 ypg). If the Sooners slow Benson — who has rushed for 75 yards on 34 carries (22 ypc) in his two games vs. OU they win because Texas' pasing attack isn't good. And we wouldn't be surprised if OU super freshman Adrian Peterson outgains Benson.

No. 7 California at No. 1 USC: The Golden Bears were the only team to beat the Trojans last season and have a good shot again.

Both have high-powered offensse, but Cal enjoys a big advantage at wide receiver and might have an advantage at quarterback, too, with Aaron Rodgers over Matt Leinart. And while USC has a better front seven on defense, Cal has the better secondary — and that might be the difference.

Then again, can Cal stop USC TB Reggie Bush, who may be the ence-maker? Bush and LenDale
White need to produce on the
ground if the Trojans are to win.
This should be one of the season's
best games.

No. 17 Tennessee at No. 3 Georgia: The Bulldogs looked great Saturday; the Vols didn't. Georgia has won 17 in a row at home, and unless the Vols' freshmen quarterbacks come up huge, it'll be 18 in a row by about 7 pm. EDT Saturday. And remember Tennessee's win over Florida? If the Vols lose to the Bulldogs, that win means

Indeed, if Tennessee loses in Athens and Florida beats LSU in Gainesville, the Florida-Georgia game on Oct. 30 in Jacksonville will be for the SEC East title.

Also worth notice is No. 13 Minnesota at No. 14 Michigan. Minnesota is 5-0 and being mentioned as a possible Big Ten contender because the Golden Gophers don't have to play Ohio State or Purdue. But we'll find out if they are a legit title contender this week in Ann Arbor.



Dale Earnhardt Jr., left, passes Kevin Harvick on the next-to-last lap of the EA Sports 500 at the Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Ala.

# Victory Lane slipup tarnishes triumph

## Earnhardt's post-win remark might cost him points lead

The Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. was strangely subdued after his latest victory at Tal-

ladega Superspeedway.

After dominating the EA Sports
500 on Sunday to take the Nextel
Cup lead, Earnhardt erred — in

Victory Lane, of all places.
Junior put his newly acquired points lead in jeopardy by cursing during an interview with NBC.

In February at Rockingham, NASCAR President Mike Helton explicitly told drivers to watch their language on radio and television. Less than a month later, Johnny Sauter was fined \$25,000 and docked 25 points after cursing during a radio interview following the Busch Series race in

"Tm worried about losing some points," said Earnhardt, who moved into the series lead by 13 points over Kurt Busch, who finished fifth Sunday. "Johnny said it in a fit of anger. I said it in Victory Lane. I hope they understand that it was in jubilation and I know me and those other guys that got fined let it slip, but it's two different circumstances.

"I think that when you're happy and joyous about something and it happens, I think it's different than being angry and cursing in anger. Of course, we don't want to promote that."

NASCAR spokeswoman Denise Maloof said Nextel Cup director John Darby and vice president for competition Robin Pemberton were "aware of the situation and would address it on Tuesday or Wednesday. That doesn't necessarily mean that he will be fined or lose points."

The verbal slips took some of the edge off a very big day by Earnhardt. "I'm a little worried about that.

but I've won five races this year and I'm pretty thrilled," Junior said. "I wasn't expecting to have such a great season."

Although he was at or near the

Annough he was at or hear the front for virtually the entire race, leading a race-high 78 of the 188 laps, Earnhardt needed to charge from 11th place over the last five laps to the win.

He fell behind when crew chief Tony Eury Sr. decided to gamble on two fresh right-side tires on his final pit stop.

## Racing roundup

Eury decided to take advantage of the fact that Earnhardt was already on pir road for his final stop when a yellow flag came out for a crash involving Sterling Marlin and Bobby Labonte.

"Those brand new rights just drove around the corners so much better than those other guys with old tires out there," Earnhardt said. "I wasn't worried. They make the calls in the pits and I just drive the car."

After the green flag waved for the final restart Sunday, Earnhardt's red No. 8 Chevrolet shot up and down the steeply banked track, passing cars on the outside and inside seemingly at will before finally moving past Kevin Harvick for the lead on lap 186.

Jeff Gordon, who came into the race with a one-point lead over Busch, finished 19th and fell to third, 61 points behind after three of the 10 races in NASCAR's new 10-man playoff-style championship.

#### Fernandez wins IRL race; Kanaan takes points title

FONTANA, Calif. — Shortly after the checkered flag, there were two drivers and their racing teams yelling and jumping gleefully, exchanging hugs and high-fives.

Adrian Fernandez won the Toyota 400, and runner-up Tony Kanaan had locked up the Indy Racing League points champion-

In an unusual but dramatic finish Sunday at California Speedway, the drivers ran five of the last six laps under a caution flag, getting the green flag for the final trip around California Speedway's two-mile oval.

Fernandez outdueled Kanaan in the sprint to the finish, with their cars separated by just .0183 second — about three feet when they crossed the line.

Kanaan needed only to finish fourth at Fontana to beat out second-place Dan Wheldon for the points title, with the season finale coming up Oct. 17 at Fort Worth, Texas.

#### NFL scoreboard

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# Smith helps drive Cardinals to win

## Running back throws first TD pass

BY BOB BAUM

The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — In his 15th NFL season, Emmitt Smith has added a new dimension.

He threw the first pass of his pro career Sunday — and it wobbled 21 yards for a touchdown in the Arizona Cardinals' 34-10 victory over the New Orleans Saints.

He also plans on it being his last pass.
"I don't want to throw the ball

ever again," Smith said. "If I throw another pass, I want to throw to my son and let him catch it."

Mostly, Smith was doing what he's done so well for so long running with the ball. He ran for 127 yards on 21 carries, including a 29-yard touchdown run.

It was his first 100-yard game since coming to Arizona from Dallas two seasons ago, but the 77th of his career, tying Walter Payton's NFL record

Of course, Smith already had broken Payton's record for most career rushing yards, so this one seemed somewhat less momen-

"It means more to win right now than anything," said Smith, who has seen the Cardinals go 5-15 since he signed with them.

It was his first 100-yard game since Thanksgiving 2002. Smith, six months past his 35th birthday, is the first NFL player to gain more than 100 yards past

victoints. 35 since Marcus Allen for Kansas City against Oakland in 1995. The Cardinals (1-3) ran for 211 yards, all but two in the final three quarters in their most one-

sided victory since beating the Los Angeles Rams 38-10 in 1993. Troy Hambrick, who became the Dallas starter when Smith left

the Dallas starter when Smith left and is his backup again, gained 79 yards on 16 carries, including an 11-yard TD run Sunday.

Hambrick said he wasn't surprised by Smith's game.

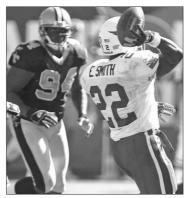
"People talk about him and the things he has done. He still has things to do as far as we're concerned," Hambrick said. "I think we are finding the right ways to use him. His intelligence and his ability to see things make up for what he lost over time. I think he has more in the tank than people think."

After the first quarter, Arizona outgained New Orleans 369-147.

"I think the offense is starting to show some signs of putting four wheels on the ground," Cardinals coach Dennis Green said.

With temperatures in the mid-90s, and the Saints playing outdoors for the first time this season, Smith thought the Cardinals wore the visitors down.

"You're making these guys run around and chase you. By the third or fourth quarter, you should have the big runs that you saw Troy and myself have," Smith said



Arizona Cardinals running back Emmitt Smith throws a touchdown on his first-ever career pass during the third quarter on Sunday.

Adrian Wilson returned a fumble 35 yards for a touchdown, and Neil Rackers kicked field goals of 26 and 33 yards for Arizona.

New Orleans' Mel Mitchell blocked one punt, and recovered another for a touchdown. It was the first time the Saints had turned a blocked punt into a TD in 27 years. But otherwise it was

an ugly day for the visitors.

"We're shooting ourselves in the foot," Saints receiver Joe Horn said. "We basically make other teams look like Pro Bowlers."

The Saints won a week ago in the deafening Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, but they were awful in mostly empty Sun Devil Stadium, where 28,109 tickets were distributed for the game. New Orleans was penalized 12 times for 104 yards, many of them costly.

"All three phases were accountable for the loss," coach Jim Haslett said, "and the offense was the main contributor"

Aaron Brooks completed his first four passes as the Saints drove from their 20 to inside the Arizona 1 to start the game. On third down at the 9, Brooks scrambled and was drilled at the goal line by James Darling. On fourth-and-goal, Brooks attempted a sneak, but he lost the ball and Arizona's Gerald Hayes recovered for a touchback.

"I tried to dive in very quick because the linebacker was playing real off," Brooks said. "I mishandled it I take the blame."

## Falcons match best start

BY AARON BEARD
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — With their first 4-0 start in nearly two decades, the Atlanta Falcons are proving they are much more than Michael Vick's team.

Kevin Mathis had a 35-yard interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter, and Warrick Dunn and T.J. Duckett each ran for scores to lift the Falcons past the Carolina Panthers 27-10 on Sunday.

"That's a pretty good team win right there," said defensive end Patrick Kerney, who had two sacks to give him seven on the season. "That's how we've won all our games this year, with just a number of guys coming up with game-changing plays."

The Panthers (1-2) found a way to slow down Vick — their No. 1 nemesis — but failed to shut down anything else. The result was an easy win as the Falcons matched the best start in franchise history in 1986.

The Falcons' defense outplayed its more-heralded counterpart, holding the Panthers to 360 total yards. Atlanta forced three turnovers, pressured Jake Delhomme often and left few running lanes

for DeShaun Foster.

As for Vick, the mobile quarterback had a quiet day against a team that suffered through some of his most memorable perfor-

mances.

He threw for 148 yards and ran for 35, but he hardly needed to do more to stay unbeaten against Carolina in four starts.

"People are going to understand that Mike is a great player," said Dunn, who had a 38-yard TD run in the first quarter. "He's the quarterback. He's going to get all the attention. But it takes a team to win a football game.

"I think people are going to start recognizing that it's not just

Last year, Vick missed most of the regular season with a broken leg. The Falcons struggled without him, finishing 5-11.

With all the focus on keeping Vick in check Sunday, Carolina struggled in other areas. Its normally stingy defense allowed 165 rushing yards and failed to get a sack.
"We get sidetracked as a team,

as a defensive unit, in thinking we've got to stop one person," defensive end Julius Peppers said. "There's 10 other people out

there ... if you focus on just one, someone else will kill you." Carolina twice turned the ball over to end almost certain scoring

drives. Muhsin Muhammad fumbled on the opening drive at the Atlanta 21, and the Falcons converted it into Dunn's touchdown run. Then Delhomme's pass was in-

tercepted at the Atlanta to end another opportunity on their first possession of the second half. But the most costly error came

with 12 minutes left in the game and Atlanta clinging to a 13-10 lead. Delhomme threw into heavy coverage, and Mathis grabbed the ball and marched untouched into the end zone.

# Turnovers, penalties doom Redskins The Associated Press being booed off the field at half- New York's Curtis Mart

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — As a NASCAR

team owner, Joe Gibbs could pull one of his race cars off the track, change tires, drop in a new engine and realign the chassis. The Washington Redskins

might need a bigger overhaul.
After four games, Gibbs' team is in the pits.

The Redskins lost their third straight game Sunday, watching Lee Suggs rush for one touchdown and Jeff Garcia throw a TD pass to lead the Cleveland Browns to a 17-13 win.

Gibbs, whose celebrated return to the NFL came after dabbling in auto racing for 11 years, has his work cut out for him. The Redskins (1-3) were undisciplined and sloppy while losing to the Browns (2-2), who weren't much better.

"Right now, it's penalties, mistakes and turnovers," Gibbs said. "Because of that, we're not consistent and we beat ourselves."

Suggs, who sat out Cleveland's first three games with a neck stinger, ran for 82 yards and scored on a 3-yard run in the fourth as the Browns improved to 1-2 against the NFC.



Following losses to Dallas and Washington, Cleveland couldn't afford another setback.

"We wanted this game so bad," said Browns tight end Aaron Shea, who had a game-tying TD catch in the second half. "We couldn't drop to 1-3."

The Browns, who lost starters Kellen Winslow Jr. and Courtney Brown for the year with injuries, were in danger of digging a deep early season hole with a loss. "We just had to have this, we

"We just had to have this, we needed a win," defensive end Kenard Lang said. "It's really big. Look at me, I'm smiling."

Garcia went 14-for-21 for 195 yards and a TD, but Cleveland didn't secure the win until Washington wide receiver Laveranues Coles fumbled with 2:08 left.

An earlier fumble by Clinton Portis — on the first play of the second half — allowed the Browns to get back in it after gaining just four first downs and me.

"My fumble changed the momentum," Portis said. "All of a sudden, we lost control of the game."

Mark Brunell couldn't get it

back as Washington's offense sputtered again behind its new quarterback. Brunell finished 17-for-38 for 192 yards, but was unable to get into any rhythm because Cleveland's defense shut down Portis (58 yards, 20 car-

Jets 17, Dolphins 9: At Miami, the Jets came up with four turn-overs by quarterback Jay Fiedler in the second half, including an interception returned 66 yards for a touchdown by Donnie Abraham, to improve to 3-0 for only the third time in franchise history. New York also won its first three games in 1966 and 2000.

The Dolphins fell to 0-4 for the first time since their expansion season in 1966. They've scored two touchdowns this year while committing 14 turnovers and will need dramatic improvement on offense to avoid their first losing season since 1988.

topped 100 yards rushing for the third game in a row and the 50th at time in his career, moving into 10th place on the NPL's all-time rushing list. He totaled 110 yards, including a 1-yard touchdown, see and became the 11th NPL player to rush for 12,000 yards. He has 12,094, passing Thurman Thomas mas, who has 12,074.

Rams 24, 49ers 14: Marc Bulger passed for 186 yards, Marshall Faulk rushed for 121 more and St. Louis sent the woeful 49ers to their first 0-4 start in 25 years.

Isaac Bruce had seven catches for 100 yards as the visiting Rams (2-2) got their ninth victory in 11 games against their longtime rivals.

This one was out of reach early: St. Louis built a 24-0 halftime lead, and the sellout crowd booed San Francisco off the field while heading for the exits.

Shaun McDonald caught a touchdown pass and Joey Goodspeed and Steven Jackson had 2-yard scoring runs for the Rams, who met little resistance while scoring on all four of their first-half drives.

# Patriots tie record with 18th straight win

Browns

By JOHN WAWROW The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. - More than a year has passed since the New England Patriots lost a game, making it difficult for

some to remember the feeling "I don't want to remember," defensive lineman Richard Seymour said. "It's just the attitude that we have. And we have a heck of an attitude that we won't be de-

nied. Seymour made sure of that

Returning a fumble 68 yards for a touchdown in the final three minutes, Seymour helped New England secure record-tving 18th straight victory, 31-17 over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

It's a streak that has lasted 53 weeks, dating to the Patriots' 20-17 loss at Washington on Sept. 28, 2003, and includes New England's Super Bowl victory over Carolina last February.

As much as the Patriots insist their streak only counts their three wins to open this season, they acknowledge their prolonged success has built confidence.

"It is pretty impressive," Seymour said. "When it comes down the stretch, when it comes time to win, we feel we're going to

It's a belief that's evident in Tom Brady, and his continuing ability to perform in the

Rallying from a 17-10 second-quarter deficit, Brady hit Daniel Graham for a 2-yard touchdown pass four minutes into the fourth quarter to give New England a

It marked the 16th time in 55 career starts, including the playoffs, that Brady has won a game in the final quarter or over-

"The more you're in those situations the more confident you become. And the more you say, 'Gosh, we're down, but we can come back,' " Brady said. "We've done this before. ... I love playing on this team, and I love playing with the group of guys that I've got.

What's not to love? The Patriots have won two Super Bowls in the past three sea-

Now they've tied a record held by four other NFL teams - Chicago did it twice and also by the 1947-48 AAFC Cleveland

They're the first to win 18 straight since Denver in 1997-98.

New England gets an opportunity to break the record at home against Miami

next weekend. It's a totally different story for the Bills. Unable to win games in the clutch, Buffalo has 17 victories since the start of the 2001 season — one fewer than the Patriots

have won during their streak. And once again, the Bills can blame

themselves in losing their third straight to open this season.

'It's frustrating." rookie coach Mike Mularkey said. "We have to find a way to

In a game that featured several momentum swings, the outcome was determined in the final minutes when the bumbling Bills blew it.

On fourth-and-3 from the New England 17, the Bills called for Drew Bledsoe to run a naked bootleg. But the play was blown up before it had a chance to even develop when Tedy Bruschi got to Bledsoe and forced the fumble.

Bledsoe seemed at a loss

"I was sitting at my locker for 10 minutes trying to figure it out and in the shower trying to figure it out ... What can I do to make a change?' " Bledsoe said. "We're making mistakes at the wrong time and especially against the defending world champs, you can't make mistakes like

## Tomlinson, Brees ignite Chargers

BY BERNIE WILSON

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO - Miserable at mile-high altitude a week earlier, the San Diego Chargers were sensational at sea level

LaDainian Tomlinson had a lot to do with it, running for 147 yards and a touchdown in the Chargers' 38-17 victory over the Tennessee Titans on Sunday. So did Drew Brees. The beleaguered quarterback

threw for three touchdowns and completed 80 percent of his passes (16-for-20 for 206 yards). While the front office hasn't always been supportive of Brees, Tomlinson has been.

"I don't think there was any doubt," Tomlinson said. "I've been saying all along that Drew is going to be OK

While Tomlinson didn't have to face a stacked line, Brees was so efficient that he didn't have to look over his shoulder.

"It was important to come out today, play well and win, absolutely," Brees said. "I knew that it had to happen."

It sure was a different result than a week earlier when Tomlinson was held to 60 yards rushing and Brees was inefficient in a 23-13 loss in Denver.

Tomlinson, who scored on a 15-yard run in the first quarter, became the Chargers' career rushing rusher. He has 4,979 yards in four seasons, eclipsing the record of 4,972 yards by Paul Lowe, who played with San Diego from 1960-68. "It's easier to run the football when you have

holes, when you don't have to worry about the safe-ties," said Tomlinson, who carried just 17 times. "It just seems like everything is in slow motion.

"It was wonderful today. I would love to have many more days like that.'

The Chargers (2-2) snapped a two-game losing streak

The Titans (1-3) played without quarterback

lief in John Lynch's voice. time since the Buccaneers sent him packing in a cost-cutting move was every bit as emotional as he had imagined. Winning was every bit as satisfying for the Den-

Chargers quarterback Drew Brees pumps his fist after a San Diego touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Steve McNair, who was reduced to being the emergency third quarterback after bruising his sternum in a loss to Jacksonville last week. Billy Volek threw for 278 yards and two TDs, but it wasn't enough to

keep the Titans from losing their third straight.

"People have said we're one of the elite teams, but we aren't an elite team right now," Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher said.

Brees has had a tenuous grip on his job since last season. His big game came six days after rookie Philip Rivers was promoted from third-stringer to back-

The Chargers didn't need to call on Rivers, especially after Brees and Reche Caldwell hooked up on a 58-yard TD pass that put away the Titans in the

After the Titans cut a 17 point deficit to 24-17, the Chargers started on their 42. On second-and-10, Brees threw a short pass to Caldwell. Cornerback Samari Rolle went for the interception but missed, Caldwell caught the ball one-handed and outraced everybody to the left corner of the end zone for a 14-point lead with 6:42 to play.

"I really had to struggle to stay focused. Those are the guys I played with," Lynch said Sunday after the Broncos beat the winless Bucs 16-13 to stay atop the AFC West. "I'm glad I didn't walk into the wrong locker room."

Lynch had seven tackles and will always remember the warm reception he received from fans, who supported him for 11 seasons while he was helping transform the Bucs from a laughingstock into one of the NFL's elite fran-

By FRED GOODALL

The Associated Press

TAMPA. Fla. - There was re-

Facing Tampa Bay for the first

He'll also never forget the potentially game-turning mistake he made against his old team, whose only TD came on a play in which the hard-hitting Lynch failed to tackle a receiver who was getting up off the ground.

Instead, Lynch merely touched

Michael Clayton on the back. thinking the rookie was down. Clayton, whose helmet was knocked off when his head was brushed by Lynch's knee, stood up and took off for the end zone to complete a 51-yard pass play.

Lynch relieved error didn't cost Broncos win Lynch, who was fined for a hit

on Kansas City's Dante Hall after the Broncos' season opener, said he didn't want to risk a penalty for hitting a player on the ground. "It's a shame. Ultimately the re-

sponsibility lays on me. I've got to tackle him," Lynch said. "There's a new league emphasis. If they're laying down and you hit them, you're going to get 15 yards. I tried to do the right thing for the first time in my career and keep [the NFL] out of my pocket, and I get burned."

Fortunately for Denver (3-1), the error didn't ruin the five-time Pro Bowl selection's homecoming

Jake Plummer threw a 5-yard TD pass to Patrick Hape, and Jason Elam kicked three field goals for the Broncos, allowing Lynch to walk off the field with a big smile on his face, albeit with

teary eyes.
"I had a feeling I might play well. I try to play my heart out every week," Lynch said.

The Bucs (0-4) have lost six straight over two seasons and are off to their worst start since 1996. when they opened 0-5. Coach Jon Gruden is 1-8 in matchups with Mike Shanahan. "It's really tough." Tampa Bay

receiver Tim Brown said. "Over the years, you see some teams you know just don't have a chance. ... We're playing good chance. ... enough to win some games. We're just not winning yet.

## Sunday's NFL stars:

## Quarterbacks

- Tom Brady, Patriots, went 17-of-30 for 298 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions in their record-tying 18th straight win, 31-17 over Buffalo.
- Byron Leftwich Jaguars, was 29-of-41 one touchdown in a 24-17 loss to the Colts
- Colts.

  Jake Delhomme,
  Panthers, finished
  23-for-38 for 308
  yards in a 27-10 loss
  to the Falcons.



## Running backs

- ◀ Tiki Barber, Giants, ran for 182 yards on 23 carries and a 52-yard touchdown in a 14-7 win over the Packers. LaDainian Tomlinson, Chargers, rushed for 147 yards and one touchdown in a 38-17 win over the Titans. Ermitt Smith, Cardinals, had 127 yards on 21 carries
- Emintt Smith, Carolinais, hao 12/ yards on 21 carries and a 29-yard ID run, and threw a 15-yard ID score in a 34-10 win over the 5ants: it was his first 100-yard game since Thanksgiving 2002, when he did it for Dallas against Washington.
   Curris Martin, Jets, had 110 yards and a touchdown for his third straight 100-yard game and 95th of his carrier in a 173 win over the Dolphins.

- Amos Zeroue, Raiders, had 117 yards on 14 carries and scored two touchdowns in relief of the injured Tyrone Wheatley in a 30-17 loss to Houston.

   Jonathan Wells, Texans, ran for a career-high 105 yards and a touchdown filling in for injured Domanick Davis in a 30-17 win over Oakland.
- Rudi Johnson, Bengals, had 123 yards on 24 carries and two touchdown runs in a 28-17 loss to the Steelers.

#### Receivers

- ▶ Terrell Owens, Ea-gles, caught eight passes for 110 yards and a touchdown, which he celebrat-ed with sit-ups in the end zone, in a 19-9 victory over the Bears.
- over the Bears.

   Andre Johnson, Texans, had 115 yards on six 
  catches and a 15-yard 
  touchdown in a 30-17 win 
  over Oakland.
   Eric Moulds, Bills, had 
  10 receptions for 126
- 10 receptions for 126 yards and a 41-yard TD in a 31-17 loss to the Patri-
- Muhsin Muhammad, Panthers, had seven catches for 114 yards in a 27-10 loss to the Falcons.



# **Perfect Peyton**

## Manning completes 14 in a row on three TD drives as Colts upend Jags

BY MARK LONG The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The Indianapolis Colts believe they can score against anybody. The Jacksonville Jaguars agree

Peyton Manning was perfect on three scoring drives, Edgerrin James ran for 83 yards and a TD and the Colts handed the Jaguars a 24-17 loss, their first.

"We're real confident." said receiver Brandon Stokley, who caught eight passes for 97 yards. "We know we can score any time against anybody.

Manning was 14-for-14 for 149 yards on three touchdown drives, including 5-for-5 for the go-ahead score with about three minutes left. He completed passes to five receivers on the final drive, which James capped with a 3-yard run. "Peyton's on point right now

Jaguars linebacker Akin Ayodele "There's not much he's doing wrong.

Last season's co-MVP entered the game with nine touchdown passes and just one interception. He was 20-of-29 for 220 yards Sunday with two TD passes and an interception.

He wasn't quite as sharp as last week, when he threw for 393 and five touchdowns against Green Bay. But he did exactly what he needed to against Jacksonville, which had allowed just 28 points in the first three

"It's great to have No. 18 back there with all the stuff he can do and the different ways he can help you." Stokley said, "It's price-

Indianapolis (3-1) pulled even with Jacksonville (3-1) in the AFC South but has a distinct edge with road victories over the Jaguars and Tennessee.

After opening the season with a three-point loss at New England, the Colts have rehounded to heat the Titans, Packers and Jaguars.

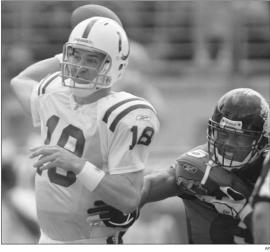
"This was a good way to finish the first month," coach Tony Dungy said. Jacksonville's first month was filled with good fortune. The Jag-

uars beat Buffalo 13-10 with a TD pass on the final play, edged Denver 7-6 after recovering Quentin Griffin's fumble in field goal range, and upset Tennessee on Fred Taylor's TD run in the waning seconds They didn't have as much luck

against the Colts, blowing several scoring chances.

Jacksonville had 200-plus yards of offense in each half and moved the ball with ease against Indv's much-maligned defense. which ranked last in the league.

The Jags' first three possessions could have produced points, but LaBrandon Toefield came up short on fourth-and-1 from the In-



Peyton Manning gets off a second-quarter pass despite pressure from Jacksonville's Tommy Hendricks.

dianapolis 24 on the first Taylor lost a fumble at the Indy 43 to end the second and Josh Scobee pushed a 35-yard field goal attempt wide right on the third.

Nonetheless, Jacksonville tied it 17-17 behind a gutsy call, a perfect pass and a favorable bounce With Jacksonville down 17-9 early in the fourth Byron Leftwich connected with Jimmy Smith for a 40-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-1. Then Leftwich threw a sharp pass to Brian Jones for the 2-point conversion. Jones bobbled it twice before securing it in a crowd of de-

But Manning had plenty of time left to drive for the deciding score on the ensuing possession. He completed all five of his passes for 33 yards. Peyton did everything to get

them down the field when they needed a score," Jags defensive tackle Marcus Stroud said.

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Giants take advantage of Favre injury By ARNIE STAPLETON re-entered Sunday's game to quarter. He missed the next two The Associated Press throw a touchdown pass before

GREEN BAY, Wis. - The doc-

tors wanted Brett Favre on the sideline so he wouldn't get hurt anymore. The New York Giants were grateful he didn't get back in the game to hurt them again.

doctors ordered him to the sideline for the rest of the day. New York took advantage to rally for a 14-7 victory. Tiki Barker ran for 182 yards and scored on a 52-yard run as the Giants improved to 3-1 de-

spite a spate of missed chances, including three errant field-goal attempts by Steve Christie. "This was a phenomenal win for us," defensive end Michael Strahan said. "Our rate of im-

provement has been quicker than I expected.

The rate of Green Bay's descent has been equally startling.

The Packers, trying to overcome infighting and injuries, fell to 1-3 for the first time since 1993 and have their first three-game losing streak under fifth-year coach Mike Sherman.

"We can bounce back, but we've got to address some stuff internally," guard Mike Wahle said.

"We were like this last year and made a tremendous turnaround," defensive tackle Cletidus Hunt said. "Now is the time. I hate to turn it around so late, but it's now

Favre was hurt when defensive lineman William Joseph knocked plays, but went back in on fourth-and-5, waving backup Doug Pederson to the sideline Favre then floated a 28-yard pass to Javon Walker for a 7-0 lead.

"I wasn't surprised that he came back in and threw a touch-down pass like he did," Strahan The Packers' medical staff sure

was, since Favre hadn't been cleared to return Sherman said it was his fault.

that he had trusted Favre, who told him he was OK to go back in. "The doctors told me after that

they didn't want him back in the ballgame," Sherman said. So. Favre was done for the day.

and soon the Packers were, too "Brett Favre is Brett Favre." Gi-

ants cornerback Terry Cousin said "We couldn't underestimate Doug Pederson. He's a good quarterback who's been in the league a long time. But only Brett Favre can make some of those throws and make something out of nothing. That's the difference between him and everybody else."

Giants quarterback Kurt Warner said Favre appeared woozy when they spoke after the game.

"I talked to him just for a minute to see how he was feeling He didn't remember the touch-

## McKenzie traded

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. - The Green Bay Packers traded dis-gruntled cornerback Mike McKenzie to the New Orleans Saints on Monday for a sec-ond-round pick and a backup quarterback.

The Packers acquired quarterback J.T. O'Sullivan, 25, and the second-round selection in the 2005 draft in return for McKenzie. 28, and a future conditional draft choice. McKenzie, who has 15 inter-

ceptions in six seasons, started at left cornerback since his rookie year. He held out through training camp, then came back and played in one game, a loss at Chicago. McKenzie, paid \$500,000 for nine snaps since ending his

holdout three weeks ago, was deactivated for the second straight game and wasn't on the sideline with the other injured players on Sunday.

down play," Warner said. "You knew he wasn't quite right.'

Two plays after Favre's TD, Barber beat the blitz with a 52-yard run to tie it 7-7 and Warner threw a 4-yard TD pass to tight end Jeremy Shockey.



## With picks, Steelers take apart Bengals

BY ALAN ROBINSON The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - Carson Palmer is more familiar with Troy Polamalu than any other defensive back in football. The two went head-to-head during Southern California's practices for three seasons and also shared a house.

So imagine the Cincinnati quar terback's frustration when Polamalu's 26-yard interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter sealed the Pittsburgh Steelers' 28-17 victory over the Bengals on Sunday.

Just when Palmer needs sup-porters the most, even his best friends are picking on him.

"He's taught me a lot of what I know about offenses, a lot about what the quarterback is think-

ing," Polamalu said.

Palmer probably wishes now he hadn't so freely dispensed that knowledge Palmer threw two more interceptions, giving him seven in four games - three of them losses. In a season of relatively high expectations for the Bengals, Palmer is not beginning to meet them.

No wonder he is certain to hear

the name Jon Kitna as some fans begin clamoring for the return of the quarterback who rallied Cincinnati from a 1-4 start last season by winning seven of nine games.

"I'm not concerned with what people say," Palmer said. "I'm only worried about what the coaches and players think. I'm going about my business, trying to get better from week to week

If the NFL's No. 1 pick in 2003 is looking for someone in a simiar role who is doing exactly that, Ben Roethlisberger is the guy. The Steelers' plan was to sit

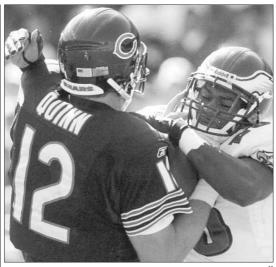
their first-round draft pick all s son, just as the Bengals did with Palmer last year. But when Tommy Maddox went down for at least six weeks with an injured elbow Sept. 19, Roethlisberger suddenly found himself starting.

From what he's shown in two starts - and two victories - Roethlisberger intends to make it very difficult for Maddox to get his job back.

Roethlisberger rallied the Steelers (3-1) from deficits of 7-0 in the first quarter and 17-14 in the fourth, throwing an 11-yard scoring pass to Verron Haynes and leading a decisive 89-yard drive finished off by Jerome Bettis' secand short touchdown run

Roethlisberger's (17-for-25, 174 yards) were better than Palmer's (20-for-37, 164 yards), and so was his ability to dodge mistakes. The Bengals not only failed to score after twice advancing into Steelers' territory with the lead in the second half, Palmer ended two late possessions by throwing interceptions.

"I hate to have to repeat myself, but it was a disappointing ' coach Marvin Lewis. "We had some opportunities to make plays and win the game, but we didn't string enough of them to-gether. ... The quarterback shoulders a lot of it all the time, and we're going to have to clean up and get better



# **Eagles 'weather storm'**

# Philadelphia 4-0 after unimpressive win

BY NANCY ARMOUR The Associated Press

CHICAGO - The Philadelphia Eagles can kick back and relax in their off week, knowing they're 4-0 for the first time since 1993, with an offense few teams can match and a fearsome defense.

OK, so their 19-9 victory over the Chicago Bears on Sunday wasn't that impressive. It didn't need to be. The Bears (1-3) are banged up, a shell of the team that upset Green Bay just two weeks ago

David Akers kicked four field goals, all 40 yards or longer, Donovan McNabb connected with Terrell Owens for an 11-yard score, and the Eagles did what they needed to keep their winning streak alive as they head into their bye week.

"We didn't exactly play as well as we'd like on the offensive side of the ball, but we weathered the storm," said Owens, who celebrated his sixth TD reception of the year with six sit-ups in the end zone. "We had some opportuni-ties to really gash them, and we didn't. There are some things there to be corrected."

Including Philadelphia's play in the red zone. The Eagles got within the Chicago 35 on all but one of their six drives in the first half, yet came away with only one touchdown. They were forced to punt twice, and got field goals of 51, 42 and 42 yards.

Akers also kicked a 40-varder in the third quarter. He missed attempts from 39 and 45 yards.

'We had some positive plays We also had some mistakes we just can't do," McNabb said. "The positive thing is we put enough points on the board to win.

McNabb, who came into the game with a 122 quarterback rating, wasn't immune to the mistakes He was 24-for-38 for 237 yards, but was intercepted in the third quarter, snapping a streak dating to last season of 161 consecutive passes without a pick.

Owens caught eight passes for 110 yards and the touchdown. Brian Westbrook ran for 115 vards and caught nine passes for

The Bears held the Eagles to 4-of-14 on third-down conver-

"We kept them out of the end

zone, which is good," Bears coach Lovie Smith said. "They had the ball too long, and we weren't able to get enough turnovers. On both sides of the football, we didn't play as well as we will play com-

The Bears were missing quarterback Rex Grossman (knee) and safety Mike Brown (Achilles' tendon), both of whom are out for the season. They're still a few weeks away from getting back cornerbacks Charles Tillman (knee) and Jerry Azumah (neck), and linebacker Brian Urlacher missed his second straight game with a pulled hamstring.

That meant the offense was in the hands of journeyman backup Jonathan Quinn and the rust was evident in his first start in nearly three years. Chicago managed only 90 yards of offense in the first three quarters and spent most of its time on its own side of the field

The one time the Bears did get into Philadelphia territory, Quinn threw three straight incompletions from the 7, forcing Chicago to settle for Paul Edinger's 25-vard field goal.

Chicago did gain 134 yards in the fourth quarter and scored on Bryan Johnson's 2-vard reception, but the game was all but

Ouinn finished 26-for-43 for 215 yards and was sacked four

"I definitely expected to be more accurate," Quinn said. "I missed some passes I shouldn't have early on, you know, a little rusty. I put the defense in a spot.'

David Terrell caught a career-high nine passes, but five of them were in the fourth quarter.

Thomas Jones, who came into the game as the NFL's third leading rusher, was held to 32 yards

"We didn't play the game the way we're capable of playing. Jones said. "We didn't move the ball that well, we didn't execute all the plays we normally do in practice

## Second straight win is a first for Texans

BY JAIME ARON The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Now that the Houston Texans have finally won consecutive games, they're setting their sights on loftier goals.

Namely, the Super Bowl David Carr acknowledged he might be getting ahead of himself, but he also knows anything is possible in a league where many teams have gone from losing record one year to champion the next. So after the Texans beat the Oakland Raiders 30-17 on Sunday. Carr let loose with his aspira-

"The thing is, we're one game back in the division. That's our goal," Carr said. "We're trying to win a division and a championship. It shouldn't be shocking for me to say that.

Houston's defense paved the way, harassing Kerry Collins into five turnovers in his debut as the starting quarterback for Oakland (2-2). The last four came after the game was tied, and Carr turned them into two field goals, a touchdown and a drive that ran out the clock

"The bottom line is I made stupid throws and gave them the ball," said Collins, who was 21-for-38 for 237 yards, with no touchdowns. "I put this all on me.
I've just got to be smarter."

Since beating the Dallas Cowboys in their franchise debut three seasons ago, the Texans (2-2) were never able to win the next game.

The pursuit became such a big deal that Carr vowed last September he wouldn't cut his bair until it happened. He had a haircut planned for noon Monday in the Houston locker room.

"It's going to get trimmed," he said, hoping he can retain some of his new look

At 36 games, or 21/4 seasons, the Texans needed longer than any expansion team to win consecutive games. They were 0-for-9 in games after a win until following a last-second victory at Kansas City with this strong showing.

And strong it was: Houston scored its most points, created its most turnovers and responded well to a loud, disruptive crowd of 70,741 that was its second-biggest, an impressive feat considering the Houston Astros were playing their season finale with a playoff spot on the line at the same

"The most important thing to our team right now is not where we are, but where we're headed," coach Dom Capers said. "I like the direction we've been heading in the last two weeks.

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His season over when Houston clinched the NL wild-card berth on Sunday, San Francisco's Barry Bonds shakes hands with teammates after leaving the final game against Los Angeles

# **Houston staves off Giants for wild card**

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the way back and changed that. This is just a great ending to

The Associated Press

he Houston Astros rushed to the mound for high-fives and hugs after the final out, and celebrated in the clubhouse with champagne showers.

It was a scenario that few could have predicted



just a few months ago: the Astros are headed to the playoffs as the NL wild card.

"People thought we were dead in the water and we worked all the way back and changed that," manager Phil Garner said. "This is just a great ending to what became an improbable year for us."

Garner and the Astros capped an incredible late-season turnaround by beating the Colorado Rockies 5-3 on Sunday for their 18th consecutive home victory. They also won an exciting street, of the with San Francisco, Chicago, San Diego and Florida for the wild-card spot.

Brandon Backe (5-3) filled in admirably for ailing Roger Clemens, pitching five innings and driving in two runs. what became an improbable year for us. ??

Houston will face the NL Houston was 56-60 on Aug. 14. on-base percentage.

East-champion Braves in a best-of-five series beginning Wednesday in Atlanta. The Astros' victory eliminated

The Astros' victory eliminated Barry Bonds and the Giants in the race for baseball's final playoff spot. The crowd at Dodger Stadium cheered when the final score was posted in large letters on the scoreboard, rendering meaningless the Giants' 10-0 vic-

tory over the NL West champs.
"Disappointed? I mean, you're
upset, but you move on," Bonds
said. "It's life. It's baseball. Just
turn it off and go to the next
thing."

The Astros, who earned their seventh playoff berth, appear to be in great shape going into the postseason. Clemens, felled by a stomach virus Sunday, can start Game 1 on full rest and 20-game winner Roy Oswalt would be ready to follow.

Houston was 56-60 on Aug. 14, about a month after Garner replaced the fired Jimy Williams, and trailed Chicago by seven games in the wild-card race. The team's late-season surge made their early struggles seem like a

distant memory.

Houston tied a season high with four stolen bases — even the plodding Jeff Bagwell got one. The Astros used seven pitchers for the second time in three days, and Brad Lidge got his 29th save. Jamey Wright (2-3) went only four innings, allowing five runs

Giants 10, Dodgers 0: Bonds, who popped out and walked before being replaced, won his second NL batting title in three seasons and shattered records for on-base percentage and walks that he set two years ago.

and five hits.

The 40-year-old outfielder hit .362 and finished with a .610 on-base percentage, topping his old mark of S82 Bonds walked 232 times, 34 more than the record he set in 2002, and his 120 intentional walks obliterated the previous record of 68, also set by him two years ago. With 45 homers, Bonds increased his caree total to 703, trailing only Hank

Phil Garner

Houston manager

total to 703, trailing only Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714). "I played more games than I've ever played in my 40s, and it wore me down," Bonds said. "But we were still winning. My bitting

we were still winning. My hitting or not hitting didn't have anything to do with what happened." Jason Schmidt (18-7) pitched six innings and Ray Durham and Pedro Feliz homered.

The Dodgers face the Cardinals beginning Tuesday in St. Louis in their first postseason appearance in eight years. Odalis Perez (7-6) will pitch for Los Angeles against Woody Williams (11-8).

Cardinals 9, Brewers 4: Ray

Lankford hit a two-run pinch-hit homer in what could have been his final game with the host Cardinals. The NL Central champions finished a major league-best 105-57, one victory shy of the franchise record set in 1942.

Cubs 10, Braves 8: Greg Maddux (16-11) won his 305th game by beating the team for which he won three Cy Youn awards over 11 years. The host Cubs, eliminated from the wild-card race Saturday after losing seven of eight games, got homers from Moises Alou, Mark Grudzielanek and Jason Dubois.

Phillies 10, Marlins 4: Jimmy Rollins hit a grand slam and Bobby Abreu homered to join the 30-30 club for the second time.

Diamondbacks 4, Padres 1: Doug DeVore, Robby Hammock and Juan Brito homered as host Arizona (51-111) put a positive ending on a miserable season.

Pirates 2, Reds 0: Barry Lar-kin played in what might have been his final game for host Cincinnati, although he said he hopes to be back. The 40-year-old short-stop, who has spent all 19 seasons with the Reds, started and was replaced after three innings.

## Twins' loss sets final piece of AL playoffs puzzle

The Associated Press

Minnesota lost its last game and drew the New York Yankees for the first round of the playoffs, giving Anaheim the home-field advantage in its series against Boston.

After beating the Cleveland Indians 6-5 in 12 innings in the completion of a game suspended a day earlier, the Twins lost 5-2 in the regularly scheduled game Sunday.

New York (101-61), coming off its seventh straight AL East title, will play the AL Central champion Twins (92-70) starting Tuesday night at Yankee Stadium. The Angels (92-70), who on Saturday clinched their first AL West title since 1986, will face the wild-card Red Sox (98-64), starting Tuesday in Anaheim.

Anaheim got the No. 2 seed be-

Roundup

cause it won the season series

against the Twins 5-4.

"A little disappointing here at

the end, but I'm very proud of this baseball team," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

Minnesota, which finished first for the third straight season, lost to the Yankees 3-1 in the first round last year. Two years ago, the Twins beat Oakland in the di-

ries.
"It's going to be a lot of pressure," said AL ERA champion
Johan Santana (20-6), who will
start the opener against Mike
Mussina (12-9). "That's the way
this game is. That's what we

vision series, then lost to Anaheim in the AL championship sewant. That's what we're ready for."

Boston, seeking its first World Series title since 1918, lost to the Yankees in the 11th inning of Game 7 of last year's AL championship series. Curt Schilling (21-6) will start the opener for the Red Sox against Jarrod Washburn (11-8)

"I don't think anybody wants to play us," Boston's Kevin Millar

Indians 5, Twins 2: Ben Broussard hit a two-run homer for visiting Cleveland in the regularly scheduled game.

Kyle Lohse (9-13) won the opener with a scoreless 12th, then started the second game and lost, giving up three runs and five hits before leaving after the fourth due to a blister.

Cliff Lee (14-8) pitched seven innings in the second game and Bob Wickman got three outs for his 13th save. David Riske (7-3) gave up

Michael Cuddyer's RBI double that ended the first game, suspended because the field had to be converted for football.

Yankees 3, Blue Jays 2: Bernie Williams hit a tiebreaking homer off Josh Towers (9-9) in the eighth, Scott Proctor (2-1) got the victory and Tanyon Sturtze his first save.

Carlos Delgado, eligible for free agency, was 2-for-2 and with a sacrifice fly and a double for host Toronto.

White Sox 5, Royals 0: The host Royals finished a team-worst 58-104 and were shut out for the 13th time, matching Tampa Bay for most in the AL.

Jose Contreras (13-9) lost a no-hit bid in the seventh when Ruben Gotay singled and allowed two hits in eight innings in beating Zack Greinke (8-11).

Athletics 3, Angels 2: At Oakland, rookie Nick Swisher singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth off Kevin Gregg (5-2), making a winner of Justin Duchscherer (7-6).

Orioles 3, Red Sox 2: Miguel Tejada drove in his major league-leading 150th rum, Bruce Chen (2-1) pitched three innings of one-hit relief and B.J. Ryan got his third save. Host Baltimore broke a 2-2 tie in the fifth with an unearned run off Scott Williamson (0-1).

Devil Rays 7, Tigers 4: Matt Diaz hit a two-run triple in a four-run third off Nate Robertson (12-10), backing John Halama (7-6). Visiting Tampa Bay set a franchise record with 70 victories and avoided last place in the AL East for the first time.

## Final farewell for Martinez

## Longtime Mariner retires; Suzuki ends with 262 hits

BY TIM KORTE The Associated Press

SEATTLE - It wasn't how Edgar Martinez hoped to go out. At least the old pro could laugh about it. Ichiro Suzuki got two final hits, but Martinez went hitless in four at-bats and grounded into a double play to end his career in the Seattle Mariners' 3-0 to the Texas Rangers on Sunday.

Martinez could have tied it with a home run in his sinal career at-bat. Seattle put runners on first and second in the eighth when Martinez chopped a come-backer that pitcher Doug Brocail leaped to snag.

"The good thing is I don't have to do that anymore just kill a rally, chase pitches out of the strike zone. There's a consolation to that," said Martinez, who is retiring at age 41.

Chan Ho Park pitched two-hit ball for seven in-

nings and Lavnce Nix homered for Texas Suzuki pushed his major league record for hits in a season to 262 with singles in the third inning off Park and in the eighth off Brian Shouse. Suzuki broke George Sisler's 1920 mark of 257 hits on Friday.

"It's something I really can't think about right now," Suzuki said through an interpreter. "As time passes, I think I'll look back and say, 'Wow, that was

a really great thing that happened."

Seattle manager Bob Melvin said: "It was an in-

credible year, a history-making year." Suzuki won his second AL batting title and led the majors in hitting at .372. He ended the season with a

13-game hitting streak.

The Seattle star also had 80 multihit games, passing the Yankees' Don Mattingly (79 in 1986) for the most since divisional play began in 1969, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

SEATTLE - Bob Melvin was

fired as manager of the Seattle

Mariners on Monday, a day after

the team ended the season with

Melvin, who lasted two sea-

sons, was told of the decision dur-

ing a morning meeting at Safeco

Field, and General Manager Bill

Bavasi scheduled a news confer-

In May, the Mariners exer-cised the option on Melvin's con-

tract for 2005 despite a 9-16

ence for later in the day.

its 99th loss.



Edgar Martinez makes the final swing of his career against the Texas Rangers in the eighth inning on Sunday in Seattle. Martinez finished with a .312 career average in 18 seasons, all with the Mariners.

Suzuki also set major league records for singles in a season (225) and hits in his first four major league seasons (924). He also set the AL record for plate appearances in a season (762) on Sunday, breaking the mark of 758 by Wade Boggs in 1985.

"There's a chance this is never going to happen again unless he does it," Melvin said.

Martinez received a rousing ovation from the sellout crowd of 45,658 after grounding into a double play in the eighth. He laughed when someone told him fans don't usually react that way in that situa-

"It's always frustrating when you don't do a good job on the field," Martinez said. "You want to please the fans and you want to go out feeling good about your last game. There's also my realistic view.

Melvin was not immediately

It was the team's worst season

available for comment Monday.

since going 64-98 in 1992. The

Mariners last had a losing sea-

son in 1999, when they were

They had won at least 91

games every year since, and they tied an AL record by win-

ning 116 games in 2001. The

Mariners ranked last in the

American League in runs scored (857), RBIs (658) and home runs

## **Divisionals:** Angels hoping to rekindle 2002 magic

San Francisco for the wild card by beating Colorado 5-3. Houston completed a startling turnaround by winning its 18th straight home

"People thought we were dead in the water and we worked all the way back and changed that," manager Phil Garner said. "This is just a great ending to what became an improbable year for us.

Houston was 56-60 on Aug. 14. about a month after Garner replaced the fired Jimy Williams, and trailed Chicago by seven games in the wild-card race. The next day, the Astros rallied for three runs in the ninth inning to heat Montreal 5-4

"Hopefully, we'll use that as a springboard for some more kind of wins like that," Garner said after that victory.

That's exactly what happened Now, the Astros face a familiar October opponent — the Braves beat Houston in the first round in 1997, 1999 and 2001.

Clemens (18-4) faces Jaret Wright (15-8) in the opener. Roy Oswalt, the NL's only 20-game win-

ner, pitches Game 2 for Houston. "I think we've got them right

owner Drayton McLane. "I really want those guys. We've done ev erything unconventional this vear. So maybe we'll do it again in the playoffs.

Wild-card teams have won the last two World Series titles, with Anaheim followed by Florida. Like the Astros, the Red Sox hope to make a push from the fourth playoff spot.

Schilling (21-6) starts against the Angels' Jarrod Washburn in the opener, then Pedro Martinez pitches Game 2 for the Red Sox.

"I don't think anybody wants to play us." Boston first baseman Kevin Millar said.

The Cardinals had the best record in the majors at 105-57 They went 4-2 against the Dodgers, sweeping them in a threegame series Sept. 3-5 in St. Louis.

"This is going to be a tough series, a fun series," said Woody Williams, who starts the opener for St. Louis. "I look at their team and see a lot of us in them, and them in us."

In a rematch from the first round last year, the Twins take on the Yankees. Minnesota ace Johan Santana (20-6) opposes Mike Mussina in the opener.

## Baseball season-ending leaders

#### American League

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## It's 'adieu' for Montreal's Expos

M's fire Melvin after 99-loss season

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ing expecting to contend for a playoff spot. Instead, they fin-

ished 63-99 and barely avoided

their first 100-loss season since

team struggles the way we have this year, you have to make some

changes somewhere," Melvin

said Sunday. "I'll just play it a day at a time. If I'm here, I'm

here. It would be great.

"What can you do? Anytime a

The Mariners left spring train-

left for Tampa Bay

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - On any other day, Terrmel Sledge's inconsequential single in the eighth inning would have gone unnoticed. When it ended up as the last hit

in Montreal Expos history, it became a moment to remember. "Making the last out in Montre-

al and having the last hit here, it's weird to be a part of this," Sledge said. "It's weird to be a part of history. When I look it up, I'll see my Todd Zeile hit a three-run

homer in the last at-bat of his 15-year career, leading the New York Mets over the Expos 8-1 on Sunday in Montreal's final game before moving to Washington,

Unlike the rousing send-off at Olympic Stadium on Wednesday, the Expos played their final game in front of an uninspired crowd of 33,569 that was fitting for the two worst teams in the NL East fans started a brief "Let's Go

Expos!" chant in the ninth inning.
"It really hit me that we weren't the Montreal Expos," Sledge said.

A couple hundred fans in Expos jerseys and hats lingered behind the visitors' dugout after Endy Chavez grounded out to second for the last out, but the players didn't return. Montreal finished with a record of 2,753-2,943 and four ties.

"I've seen this with some other ballclubs when they were moving, and from a distance it doesn't really hit you," Expos manager Frank Robinson said. "But when you're involved in this thing and it's final - the name Montreal Expos won't be in existence next year, that's a rude awakening and it's a sad situation because of the people it's going to touch in a negative way

The Expos played their first and final game as Montreal's "Nos Amours" at Shea Stadium. Bob Bailey got the team's first hit on April 8, 1969, as the Expos enthusiastically began their first season in the National League by beating the Mets 11-10.

## Jays retain manager Gibbons

TORONTO - John Gibbons who took over as manager of last-place Toronto in August, will return to the Blue Jays next year.

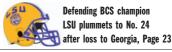
Gibbons was appointed interim manager on August 8, when Carlos Tosca was fired after the team went 47-64. Under Gibbons, Toronto went 20-30.

Terms of the deal were not immediately released Monday. General Manager J.P. Ricciar-

di liked Gibbons' upbeat attitude and how he handled the bullpen.
The 42-year-old Gibbons had
been the Blue Jays' first-base coach since Tosca took over from

Buck Martinez on June 3, 2002. Toronto finished 67-94, the most losses for the Blue Jays since 1980 (67-95).

# **SPORTS**



## Catch 22? Not this time



Arizona Cardinals running back Emmitt Smith picks up yardage against the New Orleans Saints Sunday in Tempe, Ariz. Smith had the 77th 100-yard rushing game of his career, tying Walter Payton's career record. He also threw his first touchdown pass in the Cardinals' 34-10 victory. See Page 25 for more.

# Deep, deep divisionals

## First round of MLB playoffs set

BY BEN WALKER

The Associated Press

Now that the postseason matchups are set, it's time for the predictions. Leading off, Odalis Perez.

"If we beat St. Louis, we're going to win the World Series. the Los Angeles pitcher said Sun-day. "If we beat them, this is it: Dodgers, champions.

Perez will get a chance to do his part, starting Tuesday against the St. Louis Cardinals at Busch Stadi-

Later in the day Curt Schilling and the Boston Red Sox visit Anaheim. That night, the Minnesota Twins will be at Yankee Stadium. "We'll be ready to play," New

York manager Joe Torre said after wrapping up a weekend in Toronto. "These three days off did us some good after playing such an intense month. We're ready to get back to competition.

On Wednesday, the other series starts with Roger Clemens and the Houston Astros playing at At-

The final day of the regular season began with one playoff spot open and all four matchups still to be decided

Everything got firmed up in the AL once the Twins lost to Cleve-land — there had been a chance Minnesota would host Boston.

When the Astros won to take the NL wild card, all of the postseason pairings were set need for any tiebreakers this

The Astros eliminated any need for a one-game playoff with

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Earnhardt's victory at Talladega tarnished by costly cursing

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